

Sept- December 17



The Good Samaritan



“Ebenezer” comes from a Hebrew phrase that evokes the faithfulness of God. This year that is drawing to a close has been full of challenges we have faced: Roland’s absence due to heart trouble, another member with torn ligaments, other health problems and difficulties with monitors’ families, Roland and his wife Sabine’s absence all summer (furlough, and for legal reasons) etc. And with all this going on, the demand for rehabilitation at the Center has increased. At the moment we have nine residents at the Center, and some on a waiting list.

COACHING FOR CHRIST



This is the third year that a team from Coaching for Christ has come to work with us in the Pedroches Valley. They have worked with almost 70 children in Pozoblanco and 30 in El Viso. They were officially received by our local government officials, and were interviewed on the radio and by our local TV. We want to thank the sports clubs of both towns, and also the towns’ sports directors and the presidents and leaders of the clubs. As in previous years, all the activities were preceded by a time of prayer, and during the sports lessons,

there was also a “Bible lesson” about Christian values. Some of us “not-so-athletic-types” got to talk with the parents and grandparents of the youth, and we had some good chats about God, Jesus Christ, and about what motivates these men and women to come do this work. This year being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we took the opportunity to give copies of the Scriptures to mayors, councilors, directors, friends and some parents. Also the reception in Pozoblanco was transmitted by the news media here and in El Viso, as has become customary, and we want to make special note of the kindness and affection expressed by the mayors, councillors for sports, and other personnel in charge of the sports facilities. Many thanks, Coaching for Christ brethren, for your dedication and commitment to extending God’s kingdom in

Spain!



GROUP FROM CENTRAL PENÍNSULA CHURCH (CALIFORNIA)



For the last 12 years, this California church has regularly helped the Good Samaritan Center. After Francis's visit to the church this last year, a team of five men (Eduardo, Kenneth, Ricky, Ross and Steve) came for nine days towards the end of September. They are all involved in recovery ministry to people with problems. The organizing and planning work started almost eight months ago, thanks to the magnificent work of Jennifer (CPC) and of Eva Arjona who translated the manual into Spanish. Once the men got to Spain, we kicked off a hectic week full of activities : interviews on local TV and radio, and visits to mayors. Pozoblanco's mayor even participated in a video with us for the church.

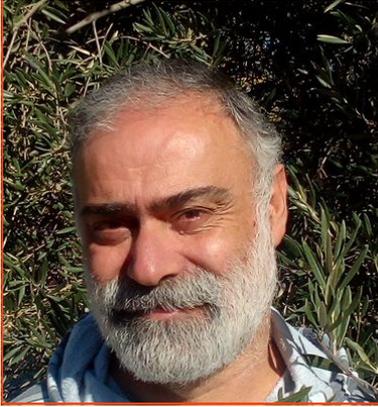
Training Days at the Good Samaritan Center:

Having invited monitors, psychologists, therapists and personnel from various evangelical organizations, we had two concentrated days of training in biblical counseling in the area of addictions. Kenneth and Steve led all the sessions. (Kenneth had already come once, ten years ago, with another colleague who is with the Lord now.) Meanwhile, the others were giving testimonies and doing therapy with the residents of our center.

One afternoon we were able to visit the city of Cordoba and then went to Antequera the next day to present the training manual to a group of 80 people, including chaplains for hospitals, prisons and the armed forces of Andalusia. It was a tremendous day of formative work and brotherly fellowship. There are still people calling and asking for the training manual for biblical counseling by chaplains



NEW HELPERS...



Incorporation of a new monitor: Miguel

Miguel had already worked with us a few years ago, but with José Javier's injury this summer, we had an urgent need to hire him quickly. We thank God that he was able to join us immediately and that he "hit the ground running" with us .



Hannie, from Holland, an agricultural technician and teacher in a professional school in Holland, was with us for three weeks helping in the garden and with various tasks. It was a blessing to have her among us those days and enjoy her pleasant company.



Jakob, from Germany, age 19, sent by DMG, will be with us for the next nine months. He is a discreet young man, but he is adapting very well to the group.

RESIDENTS

We celebrated recently that **Alejandro** has completed his recovery program. Pray that the other residents who are in process, can be strong enough to complete the full program as well, before going back home.



GOOD SAMARITAN OLIVE OIL : A new publicity spot for the olive oil has been created, and we are trying to publicize it. At the moment the oil is being sold in France, England, Germany and Spain. Please continue to pray for some projects of selling large amounts of the oil that we have underway in Germany and in the United States (especially for the finalizing of the process of registering our brand.)

Many thanks to you all for your prayers and your work together with us in this ministry!

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