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THE GOOD SAMARITAN



*And behold, thou shalt
conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a
son, and shalt call his name*

Jesus

Luke 1:31

We say goodbye to this unusual 2020, with gratitude to
the Lord for His care and protection in the middle of the pandemic, and for His
provision so we can keep helping the people He brings to our center.

Occupational Therapy

You are all aware that at a rehabilitation center, there are various therapies, among them occupational therapy. Its goal is to give the men who come here an environment in which they can recover the ability to care for themselves and their surroundings, as well as establishing roles, habits and routines which they have lost as a consequence of their addiction, or perhaps never acquired.

Another aspect to consider is establishing a balance among work, rest and leisure, since before, they would waste a large part of their time in consuming substances, not knowing how to occupy themselves with healthy pastimes, a sport or activities that would develop their abilities.



Olive Harvest



This year, we have missed having our Dutch friends help with the harvest; due to the pandemic, they were not able to come to Spain. Nevertheless, we are grateful for all those years we have enjoyed their company and support. Now, there will be more hours of work for us, but the harvest, thanks to God and to everyone's efforts, is being gathered with the same enthusiasm and care as always. The "Good Samaritan" olive oil that you know and enjoy so much, starts here.





A Mother's Testimony

It all started when my adolescent son would be late coming home. I went out to find him, and he seemed "strange." I asked if he'd been drinking, but he denied it several times. Later I understood that it was a different substance he had been consuming.

Thus began a pattern of lies that kept growing, and when he was an adult, there were even problems with the law. A decisive point, when I asked him to leave home and be independent, since he already had a job, was when he had a motorcycle accident driving under the influence of drugs.

After a time living alone, he got into a romantic relationship with a girl who, after she caught him doing drugs, left him. The frustration only increased his addiction, and he started to let other drug users come stay at his place. This was something I couldn't stand, and I kicked everyone out of there, including my son. But the nightmare wasn't over; his addiction kept growing, no matter

whether he lived under my roof or not.

So, he sought a volunteer opportunity in another country, and after it was over, he found a job there. Those were some good years, but due to a complex situation in that country, I encouraged him to come back to Spain. He did okay for a while, but little by little he fell back into the same life dynamic, absorbed by his drug addiction.

With periods of abstinence and excited about a new girlfriend, whom he planned to marry, he started a walk with God, until his girlfriend broke off the relationship. That sunk him even deeper

into his addiction, and he went back to committing some crimes; the cases are still pending. One day my cousin, who lives in Pozoblanco, spoke to me about the Good Samaritan Center. I got in touch with them, and spoke with the psychologist, René. In my desperation, I asked him what I had to do to get my son into the center, and he told me to pray, which I did. After a while, my son decided to do the program. At first, I was quite afraid that he would quit and leave, but after several months, when I spoke to him and saw that he was different, I felt very relieved. I saw a big change in his life.

Now that he is about to finish his program, I want to support him so that he might achieve his goals. God is very good, He hears my prayers, and I pray that my son might be able to help other people who are in the situation that he was in before, and that he never drift away from God's Word. Before, they would share verses with me, and I didn't understand some of them. I would

ask what they meant, but one of the monitors, Jesús, invited me to come to one of the church meetings to learn more. Later, pastor Francis asked me if I wanted to attend a Bible study, and after that they invited me to come to the Sunday services. I said yes to all those things, and now I participate in all the online meetings the church does during the week, and I thank them because I'm learning a lot about God. I know that perhaps, as a mother, I made a few mistakes with my son, but now I know, thanks to God, that there is hope.

ILUMINADA TORRES

Dorcas Program

Even with all the health measures and the reduced limits on room capacities, we have continued the Dorcas Program workshops, and we still deliver food to 110 people in our town who in this way find some relief from their situation of poverty. This time Delyth Sutton taught on the topic of finances, showing participants how to optimize the resources available at home. They made budgets that lined up with their reality, and learned some strategies about how to save.

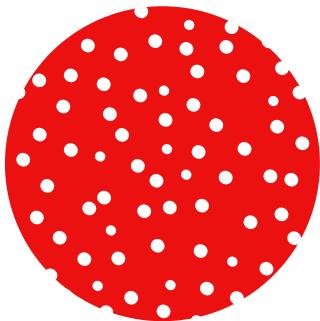


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praying

- For provision for the repair of the greenhouse.
- For the renewal of personnel.
- For strength for the residents during these holidays, far from their families.





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and work with us so
we can keep helping
others!**

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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..."

ISAIAH 9:6



The Good Samaritan wishes
you a:

MERRY
Christmas

and a HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2021