

# Chesney News

Church Planting in Spain

January 2012



**Greetings from Spain!** The New Year has begun and the church in Spain continues to move forward into our 10<sup>th</sup> year as a church. Some new lives are being touched all the time. The women's ministry is flourishing under Patti's leadership and youth, Sunday school, prison, worship, small group, and prayer meetings are all getting back on track after the holiday slowdown.

**Cazarin family** After 5 years of hard work and faithful service, Vicente, Merry and the kids have given up their apartment in our building and traveled back to Mexico and the States for a 6 month time of rest and deputation. Their mission is to broaden their financial support base to be able to return and continue with us here in Spain. This is a great challenge in this time of economic crisis. They are currently in the Dallas, Texas area seeking to buy a vehicle suitable to travel long distances in Mexico and the US visiting and ministering in churches. They do not



yet have the funds for this vehicle. Please pray for them during this time and for us as we carry a heavier work load here in the church.



**Christmas and New Years** The two performances of "Emanuel, Dios con Nosotros" went well and were well attended. Ministry happens in all kinds of settings... We had a Christmas party at our house, and a New Year's praise night in the church. Parties and gatherings seemed to be happening almost every night, including an impressive banquet at the Santiago house. Diego and Loli (left) and their daughters (our beloved Spanish-Gypsy family) bring much life to the church. For more Christmas pictures go to <http://john-patti-chesney.blogspot.com/>.



**Mi esperanza campaign** The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association organized a massive evangelistic effort throughout Spain. More than 1300 churches signed up to provide host homes that would invite unsaved friends and neighbors to view an evangelistic television program over three nights in December. In our church 10 families signed up and invited dozens of people to view the programs. 14 people showed up in 3 of the homes and 2 prayed to receive the Lord. We are grateful to the BGEA and Mi Esperanza (my hope) workers for this effort to reach the lost in Spain.

**We are affirmed** and energized! While 2011 was a year of intense testing for us, we feel that we have come through the fire and are ready to press on with zeal and hard work. We are reformatting our sanctuary, improving the layout, lighting, and sound systems. It's a lot of work, but the improvements are dramatic, enhancing the sense that we are experiencing a new birth, as a family and as a church. We are anticipating refreshing and strengthening in 2012.



**Dave and Marsha Mullen** came for a time of ministry. Dave is Pastor of Church of the Living God in Manchester, Connecticut and he and John had the good sense to marry sisters, Patti and Marsha. Their time here was very refreshing and very important to our church, leadership team, and to us as a couple. In this picture they are with Isabel and Eduardo, who head up our team of Ushers.

**Bible School**, Once again it is time to go back to the Bible, the Word of God. For two hours on Sunday nights the church will be converted into a Theology and Ministry Training School. The 16 week course will begin in February and continue to the end of May. Those who sign up (which typically has been pretty much all the church) will learn about the nature of God, His plan for all of humanity, His plan of redemption, His church, and His needy world. Attendance will be taken, homework assigned, exams, projects and presentations given. At the end diplomas will be handed out to those who make the grade.

**Not everyone has the opportunity** to serve on the mission field, but everyone has the opportunity to be part of a missionary support system, praying, giving, and sending moral support. We are humbled and awed by the faithful friends and family members who stand with us in our calling. Thank you so very much and may God multiply it back to you a hundredfold!

We love you!!

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