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This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118.24

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We generally apply this verse personally, thanking God, and exalting Him for the many, bountiful blessings that come from His hand. And we are right to do so, for this IS the day He has made, and we SHOULD be glad in it. However, if we look a bit closer, a couple of verses previous, in verse 22 it says “The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.” This might sound familiar because it was referenced by Peter when he spoke that to those that believe he “is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.” (1 Pet 2.7). Christ was made that cornerstone, the foundation of our Christian faith the moment He rose from the dead, His resurrection. So when the Psalmist says “THIS IS THE DAY” - the immediate inference is that that day, that wondrous, holy, transcendent and earth-shattering day that Christ rose from the dead. We can truly rejoice and be glad because of it.

Our activities during this first trimester have been a combination of previous, ongoing activities and a few special events. For Josh this has included preaching and teaching on Sundays, Wednesdays and Sunday school, guiding the discipleship class on Tuesdays and some counseling sessions on other days, as well as choir practice on Sundays. Marta continued her ladies studies and started a new Bible study in a town about an hour away. She was also asked to speak at a special ladies prayer meeting in a church outside of Barcelona, last month.

We are grateful that several people in our congregation have become members of our church in the past month. Several men have also started leading the singing on Sunday mornings and we keep praying for the possibility of a special “course” on preaching, for those who show desire and ability.

For some time we have felt a need to provide our college and career a special space for them to get together as they are usually “in between” being young people and married adults. We hosted a special time for them on Feb 7, from 11am to 6.30pm. It was a blessing as men and women came from several churches to take part in this time. We had some ice breakers, then a devotional concerning taking advantage of the best time of their lives (instead of thinking that better times will come). After the noon meal we went for a short walk (picture) and then finished off the day with a separate session (the ladies with

Marta and Josh took the guys). We thank the Lord for this time, and pray we can continue to minister to this specific group.

As we mentioned previously, we started practicing for our Easter cantata a couple of weeks into January. Since many of our churches here in Spain are relatively small, a few years ago we decided to join forces and sing together. Josh records all the vocal parts as most of the people that participate can't read music (and this time around, several had never participated in a choir before!). We presented the cantata in Hebron Valley Bible Church on Mar 21st and are thankful to God for his promise in Isaiah 55.11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

This past weekend (Mar 28-29th) a group of about 15 people from the Barcelona area traveled to Huesca, a town about 3 hours away, to present the cantata three more times, twice on Saturday and once on Sunday. We never know the impact it will have on the souls that have heard the gospel, so we are thankful to be a vessel to carry the good news to them.

This coming Thursday (Apr 2nd) we start our annual family Easter retreat in Eben-Ezer. We are full to capacity and are looking forward to a refreshing time in the Word, with brethren and in companionship. Please pray for the children, young people and these three people will be attending but have not been born again yet: Aron (17), Mayra (19) and Joan (60s).

Here are some specific prayer requests for these next months coming up:

- Wisdom and guidance for Josh
- Several unsaved people who attend regularly: Brenda, Andrea and her kids, César, Joan, Eliodoro and Diana
- That the town hall will issue the building permit for Camp Eben-Ezer soon and that we will be able to request running water before summer (nothing is impossible for God!)
- Some activities happening in the near future:
 - A work camp (May)
 - Intensive institutes at EbenEzer (April and June)
 - YOM Summer Europe Team from PCC (May/June)
 - An evangelistic VBS for the kids in our neighbourhood, we are praying specially for volunteers to sign up (June)

Thank you for your prayers and intercession on our behalf. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him wherever you are. Nothing is little if God asks it.

Your fellow servants,

Josh and Marta Valcárcel



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Cantata at Hebron Valley Bible Church



Ladies meeting, between 9 and 99 years old, literally!

Ladies prayer meeting in Castellar



College and career event

The discipleship class on Tuesdays keeps growing, praise the Lord.

