

Dear friends & family,

It doesn't seem possible that 2019 is nearly over. After all the drama of the past two years, moving to Granada, establishing a new life and ministry, the break in over Christmas, health problems, getting paperwork sorted, school issues, disappointments and challenges, this year has passed quickly and relatively quietly. I constantly feel the tension of what we have seen and what we believe God can do, what we long for. After 8 years in Spain we are understanding how different the Mediterranean culture and worldview is to our British one and how we have to be kind to ourselves and see the beauty in patience and time. The Spanish are very in touch with agriculture, seasons and a sense of the longer view. I am always drawn to Jesus's parables of The Kingdom referencing farming: planting/sowing then waiting and allowing God to be God, to do what only He can do - Draw people to Himself. William Carey said, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God"



When we look back at 2019 and how many people we have got to know from our community. With whom we have shared life, tried to love well and model our faith, often more through action than words. How many times we could speak life and hope into their situations, how many people have opened their hearts to us and shared things for the first time. When we reflect on that it is encouraging! We know, because the Bible promises us, that what we have sown will not return without accomplishing something. We long to see something that more tangibly represents a Church of disciples growing in their faith but we believe there will be a tipping point. Please pray with us that 2020 will be the year that we see this happen!

On 14<sup>th</sup> December we had our Christmas celebration. In typical Spanish fashion the bar where we usually meet told us 2 days before that they had forgotten to mention that it was being refurbished and we could not use it! Flyers had been made and sent out, all our friends told and we had no other place we could go. The owners are really supportive of what we are doing and made some space so we could carry on with the original plan. It was pretty chaotic but in the end worked well as we had what was left of the space all to ourselves. We had some new people come and a good number of regulars, people really engaged and stayed late after we had finished to chat and hang out.



In the New Year we will share more about what we have planned for 2020 and what we feel God is saying. We just want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, prayers and encouragement over this past year. It means so much to us to have people who are investing in us and this amazing country and believing with us to see a move of God and a church established. We wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas we celebrate together the most important event in history! Immanuel – God with us! May you know 'God with you' in 2020 in every area of your lives.

God bless you and thank you for journeying with us!

Chris, Liz, Leo & Sam.