

On the go with the Bedfords



Pray with us:

- For our team of missionaries, that we look to Jesus and are constantly renewed and strengthened by Him.
- Last week, our women's and our children's ministries started up again. We pray for every woman and child, that they know God and learn to love and serve Him.
- Many teams from the USA are coming to our base this year, and one from Germany. Pray that they will be a blessing and be used by God in people's lives.
- Pray for our health. Karin struggles with pain in her joints and feet.
- For finances to buy land in San Miguel Dueñas for the church building.

He is my Hope! (by Karin)

We visit the women of our Women's Group to encourage them, listen and pray with them. Their faith moves us. A few days ago, we visited Marta, a widow who does not have much. She has such a strong faith that I was very moved. „I have hip pain, but Jesus is always there for me and will take care of me. He has never let me down! He has always helped me and provided for my family. He is my hope!“ Do you see that in your life?

It is an honor to bring people God's Word! We always share the Bible in our meetings. And we believe that it is powerfully effective in the lives of those who trust God. It falls on fertile soil and brings forth fruit!

We love Miriam and Juan Carlos' church in San Miguel Dueñas. We go and help when we can and we see that people are growing and maturing there, experiencing God's blessing.

Please continue to pray for our dream: a piece of land to build their church on. We



cannot do it alone, but God is so much bigger than we can imagine. **Our hope is in Him alone!** Pray that we can help build up His church!

God bless you all!

Karin and Joe



That Your Joy May Be Complete (by Joe)

Karin and I are looking forward to many joyous events this year: our youngest son, Josh, is getting married, Karin will probably receive her 2nd cochlear implant and will hear even better, and we will see all of our children while we are in Germany.

Yet God has reminded me the last few weeks of what really makes our joy complete:

that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1:3-4 (ESV)

A few weeks ago, I had lunch with Stan, a friend of mine from our Bible study group. We were sharing and discovered we had the same thoughts about our group: we were missing real fellowship and needed to start building each other up and encouraging each other to grow. We love our church, but it's not enough to just attend a couple of services and groups. We want to really get to know each other and challenge each other to mature in the faith and live by faith in Jesus Christ!

I have the same desire for our women's ministry. Last year, we focused on being the body of Christ, each one connected to the others and working together to learn and serve. They got stretched as they learned to share their faith stories in the group and share the Gospel and pray for people on the street.

This year, I believe God is leading us into deeper fellowship with Him and each other. It will not be easy to open up and deepen our relationships, letting God purify us and knit us together, but it will bring **more real joy** in our lives.

We are praying for all of you **that you enter into deeper fellowship with God and other believers** and know more fully **His joy!**

God bless all of you!

Joe and Karin



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