



The Torres Missionaries to Spain since 1985

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

Praise the Lord as of the 30th of April we can say that no one in our Ondara and Javea churches have been infected with the coronavirus. The ladies from both churches have been sewing masks for the hospital, pharmacies and local authorities. Plus some of the men that are not working because of the shutdown have been taking food and medicine to the elderly or people that can't get out.

As for Carolyn and I it has been very normal since we have always worked and ministered together, but having to be in the house knowing you can't go out is something different. At first I was very upset because the government was so strict about everyone staying in, but now I can see they made the right decision to shut it all down. We have been watching the news from the States and I wish they would take this Coronavirus more seriously instead of demanding their rights... "You can't tell me to stay in or where not to meet", sad until it's too late. So far staying in has really helped keep the virus from spreading.

There are 4 phases to bring us out of quarantine. This last week children up to 13 were allowed to go out for an hour accompanied with a parent. The first Saturday in May Adults can go out for a walk for an hour a day. Little by little by little small businesses will be opening starting on the 14th of May and looks like we can have services in our buildings by the end of the month, however only 30 people at a time per service. And spaced correctly. No sitting together. We are praying this schedule doesn't get changed and all goes well.

At the writing of this letter we have been in quarantine for the last 7 weeks. It has been difficult for our people in the church. A few are having coexistence difficulties. Usually with one or both working they were apart for the greater part of their days. When they begin to talk things through they are able to see the humor in this situation and laughing helps relieve tensions.

God has been so good, providing for our needs. Most of our ministry now is teaching Bible and encouraging people in the word of God. Although we were not really TECH people before you can learn a lot from instruction videos on You tube and fellow believers sharing their how to knowledge. We have two Muslim families in our apartment building, it is Ramadan, not sure if it is the silence that prevails in the street but for the first time we hearing them praying aloud. Their prayers are chants and it is odd to hear them since they normally pray in their mosques. There are 16 families in our building and during this time we can go days without seeing anyone.

We wish to thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministries here.

Fernando and Carolyn Torres