

# CARLISLE

*Independent Baptist Missionaries in Spain*



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Dear Praying Friends,

We would like to start out with a word of thanks: thanks to the Lord for all of you. We're continually humbled by the thought that our ministry here in Spain is made possible through the sacrificial giving of so many Christian friends in the States. And as Paul states in Philippians 4, we know that as God has used so many of you to meet the needs of our family in this ministry, so He will also meet your needs through some means. Thanks for faithfully standing behind us in prayer and financially while we minister in Spain.

At the end of February we had a church picnic. Even though the weatherman had predicted rain, the Lord gave us a beautiful day. The church had a great time of fellowship. On March 20<sup>th</sup> we are having a men's dinner to celebrate Father's Day (March 19<sup>th</sup> here in Spain). On March 28<sup>th</sup> we're having a youth activity. On Easter we'll be holding our normal early service on the beach and then having breakfast at the church before a special Easter service. At the end of the month of April we'll be holding our annual missions conference. All of these plus the activities that we are thinking of for May and the summer months makes this a busy time for us. Pray that God gives us wisdom as we prepare for all that we believe He would have us to do.

We praise the Lord that the attendance has been up since the beginning of the year. But much more importantly is the fact that most of the people have a sincere desire to grow spiritually. We're currently studying the book of Ecclesiastes and also working our way through Jim Berg's study, "Calming a Noisy Soul." We're so grateful for the response of the people and the work that God is doing in their lives. Both studies have seemed to touch the people's hearts and they seem excited about them. And please pray for the salvation of others who have heard but are not saved yet: Carlos and his family, Henry and his wife, and others.

As some of you have already heard from our daughters, Katie and Lisa, the college they both attend, International Baptist College, is sending a team to minister in churches here in Spain for three weeks this summer. They will be doing a variety of ministry-related activities here: VBS, youth activities, special music, passing out tracts, and manual labor (painting or other things that are needed). Please pray for the team that God will use them to be a blessing to the churches here and that we, in turn, can be a blessing to them. The cost of the trip for each team member was set at \$2,100. However, we praise the Lord that the price has been reduced due to the airline "fare wars" and other issues. We would like to thank those who have already sent money to Katie and Lisa to help with their part of the trip. Each, however, still need to raise around \$800 more, and that's after us sending money to each of them. It'll be a blessing, of course, to have our two daughters come home for the three weeks, but they know that it is primarily a ministry trip. If the Lord puts it on anybody's heart to help them with the expenses, they can either get in contact with me at [larry@carlislefamily](mailto:larry@carlislefamily) or with them directly ([katie@carlislefamily.net](mailto:katie@carlislefamily.net) / [lisa@carlislefamily.net](mailto:lisa@carlislefamily.net)). If you have any question, please feel free to ask any of us. Even if you can't help them financially, please pray for their needed provisions and for the effectiveness of the team's ministry here in Spain.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of our co-laborers in the truth!

Your co-laborers in Christ,

**Larry, Kathryn, Katie, Lisa, Kristina and Linda CARLISLE**

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