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Report on the Iberian Peninsula

Spain

As a result of the continuing confinement and meeting virtually, the full-time serving team in the Peninsula has been busy with the technical support for the international gatherings as well as in the live and written translation of the outlines and ministry portions. Spain had been a hotspot of the pandemic during the first wave earlier in the year, and the situation is even worse now during the second half of the year in the second wave. Therefore, the virtual mode of meetings will continue for the foreseeable future.

In spite of the continuing situation with the pandemic everywhere in Europe, the Full-time Training in London was able to receive five saints from Spain. There is also a sister from Spain who is in her second term in the Full-time Training in Caacupé, Paraguay. This is a significant matter for the future of the Lord's move in the Peninsula.

Since the confinement, we have conducted two webinars. Although the contacts have not been too many, we are encouraged to start to labor in the outreach by this means. We will continue to carry out webinars every other month. We are also in fellowship with Bibles for Europe to follow what London is doing in shepherding the Bible recipients who have expressed a desire to be contacted.

We will begin remodeling the building that we purchased in late 2018 to rectify some deficiencies and also to add some features. This building is used both as a center of the work and as a meeting hall for the church in Madrid. We have also committed to purchase the house adjoining our property that came on the market early this year. The addition will greatly help meet the needs of the church in Madrid. We still need about 600,000 Euros in order to be able to close on the purchase.

A family migrated from Barcelona to the city of Lugo in Galicia in the northwest of Spain, which is north of Portugal. The husband is Galician, and since he came into the recovery, he has had a burden for his family and the people of that region. They join a family who immigrated there from Cuba. With the example of these two families going to Galicia, we hope others in the Peninsula will see a vision and eventually have the burden for intra-Peninsula migrations.

We have created a website for La Obra MSPI—the work entity in the Iberian Peninsula—laobramspi.es. It is still under construction, but it is functional. We will be developing it in the coming weeks and months.

Portugal

In spite of the pandemic, a couple was able to migrate from the United States to Lisbon in July of this year. This is a great encouragement to the saints in Portugal as well as saints in Brazil who have a vision and burden for that city. The Lord covered their move in a wonderful way through the prayers of the saints.

Currently, there are 14 saints meeting online regularly for prayer, getting into the ministry, and prophesying and enjoying the Lord on the Lord's Day. We are working on building up vital

companionships through regular contact with each other and through in-person gatherings of two to four as we can.

Specifically, nine saints (plus two young people) live in the south of Portugal in the city of Lisbon, and six saints in the north of Portugal who have been standing there for the Lord's expression for many years, and we look to the Lord for the best timing to strengthen the testimony there. Furthermore, a sister from Brazil is awaiting final authorization to practice medicine in Portugal. There are also several new ones/contacts in Lisbon as well as in other parts of the country for whom we are caring.

We believe that the Lord desires to have a lampstand in the capital city of Lisbon soon, and at this time we are seeking the Lord's leading to raise up 30-40 saints to migrate to Lisbon in the coming months. Once a strong testimony is established in Lisbon, we believe that the Lord will continue to spread throughout the country in one accord with all the saints in Portugal and with all the churches in Europe.

Current burdens:

- Unceasingly pray for the Lord to open the door for other saints to migrate in spite of the pandemic, to raise up a lampstand in Lisbon, to shepherd the current contacts, and for the Lord to add more Portuguese people through the preaching of the gospel.
- Have the Bibles for Europe website translated into Portuguese and develop a mechanism for the distribution of the Portuguese New Testament Recovery Version.
- Develop a Portuguese section on the website for La Obra MSPI.
- Continue facilitating participation in the International/European conferences by the saints in Portugal.

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