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Missionaries to Spain
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Dear Friends,

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:8-12

As we approach again the time of the year that we celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus, I am reminded of the response of the Shepherds to the words of the angels. *"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us."* After seeing that what the angels had said was true they *"made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."*

Along with the preaching this Christmas we will have a Christmas play on the evening of the 17th and a cantata the evening of the 24th. As always it is a blessed opportunity to share with those who visit the wonderful news of the saving power of the Lord Jesus. We trust you will be remembering these activities as you pray for us.

2006 has been a very busy time for us. Up until recent times we have mainly been working amongst Spanish people but especially this year we have people attending from Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, and have had from Colombia and Nicaragua. At the farmhouse much has been done and Andy has had quite a few different activities as the place becomes more and more useful. We are hopeful of getting most of the tiling and plumbing done during the course of the winter. There are still so many projects to finish.

In October we had the joy of baptizing Aurora, mother to Belen. Belen is spanish for Bethlehem and she is such a good testimony of what Jesus can do in the hearts of those who accept him as Saviour. She also brought Joaquina, who was baptized earlier and is a friend of Aurora's, to the Saviour.

We do request your prayers for a brief visit to the USA during March and

April to have a hip-replacement. Getting very difficult to work at the farmhouse.

Thanks so much again for your many years of prayers and support. We consider ourselves privileged to be your missionaries in Spain.

God bless and a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

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