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### Dear Pastor and Church Members.

Praise the Lord! He has started the year off with some huge praises! In January, the Lord answered our prayers for the salvation of the daughter of our fellow missionary partners. We had been praying for her salvation for quite some time, so we all rejoiced in her decision to accept Christ as her Savior.

The Lord also answered our prayers for a Spanish lady named Celia. Celia is the niece of one of our faithful members. Celia has experienced a very difficult life with a lot of drug abuse. Her aunt invited her to church and on her first visit she expressed such gratitude for the welcome reception she felt from our church members. She told us she doesn't have many friends and feels a great emptiness in her life. She attended services and ladies' Bible study for the next two weeks. On the third Sunday, her aunt shared with Leslie that Celia had been staying with her all week because she was struggling with thoughts of suicide. We knew she was fighting a spiritual battle. The message that day on the fruit of the Spirit, specifically Joy, brought her to tears and after the service, she asked Christ to save her soul and control of her life. Praise the Lord! Her countenance and attitude are completely different now. She has that Joy inside that only comes from the Spirit of Christ. This is a life truly changed by the love of Christ! She plans to move in with her aunt to avoid previous "friends" and old habits. She will start a discipleship class very soon. Please pray for Celia and her spiritual growth.

Last week we celebrated two joyous events: the birth of a baby to one of our young couples and the engagement of one of our young couples. We're excited for the future of Iglesia Bautista Biblica de Torrent.

In our time here, the Lord has given us the opportunity to assist other missionaries to come and get settled in Spain. We recently welcomed Renzo and Angela and their children from Peru. They were previously missionaries in Morocco and now plan to begin a ministry to Muslims and Arabic-speaking people here in Spain. Another missionary who was previously in Honduras feels God moving him and his family to Spain as well. We look forward to welcoming them in May.

At the end of this month, the president of the Baptist Seminary here in Spain will be coming to our church to preach and present the purpose and mission of the seminary. Please pray with us that some of our young adults and youth will hear the call from God to the ministry.

We are having visitors each week and the church is growing numerically and spiritually. We praise the Lord for this growth and the opportunity to reach more people in our community. With that said, the need to get into the new building is becoming more urgent. With the inflation and increase in construction costs, we have found that we need almost €90,000 in order to complete and furnish the building. The people of IBBT are giving sacrificially, but we can't do this without your help. Can you help us finish the permanent home of IBBT and complete the vision God has given us to create a hub for evangelism the Valencia, Spain community?

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. The church plant in Villarreal
2. Funds to be raised to finish the building in Torrent.
3. Salvations and growth in both churches.

Because He lives,  
*Arnold and Leslie Belasco*

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