

# Chesney News

## ChurchPlanting in Spain September 2011

Thank You! Our recent visit to family and friends in the US was both refreshing and encouraging. We visited and ministered in churches in Manchester, CT, Portsmouth, VA, Duffield, VA, Yorktown, VA, and our home church in Hampton, VA. We renewed friendships in Rogersville, TN, Lancaster, PA, Elizabeth, NJ, and Washington, DC! We also went out to Texas and up to the heartland, (Oklahoma and Nebraska) to visit our precious family. We thoroughly enjoyed the Masterbuilders Leadership Conference in Knoxville TN. You treated us like royalty as we traveled from place to place. We especially want to thank Rachel Goodwin and my Dad, Murphy Chesney for lending us your cars for these long trips. Our message was; It's time to be about the Father's business, and we believe it is. Here's a shot of us at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA where we officially got engaged 34 years ago. For more trip pictures go to <http://john-patti-chesney.blogspot.com/>.



Home Again We arrived home August 10<sup>th</sup> and were extremely pleased to find that some improvements had been made in our meeting hall by Vicente Cazarin and the team. Jet lag hit us both especially hard this time (old age?) but we eventually recovered and began to reacquaint ourselves with the church family.

Betania We are in the church-planting arm of the Betel Association here in Spain and every year they have a large gathering in Ciudad Real. We love our Betel family and are inspired every time we are with them. Former addicts now are ministers and ministry leaders working in such far flung places as Mongolia, India, and Australia. Many hundreds were there, so many that the circus tent would no longer hold everyone. Next year they will build a large covered meeting area.



9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Each September we use the church's anniversary as an excuse to have a big party. This year was very nice but smaller. The meeting hall was festooned with balloons and tons of crepe paper. We sang some and enjoyed a very creative video produced by Isaiah Cazarin. Several people told of how God is at work in their lives. Then everyone enjoyed the delicious banquet that was spread. Next year we'll pull out all the stops for our 10<sup>th</sup>! Set aside September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of 2012 and come celebrate with us!



Prison For around 5 years John has been going on Thursdays into the infamous Alhaurin prison with a team from Betel led by his good friend Gary. There are now two small churches in the prison looking to them for a degree of leadership and teaching. One is in block 4 and the other in block 5. It's an honor to be able to teach principles of biblical manhood and the basic story of Jesus to these men. Picture taking is absolutely forbidden inside the prison, here are some shots from the outside.



We are grateful for all of you who pray for us and contribute financially. More importantly, the members of our congregation are grateful to have a Spanish-speaking, Spirit-filled church in their city. We crave your prayers and words of encouragement. We feel we understand what the apostle Paul said so long ago...

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. 1Corinthians 16:9

Thanks, we love each and every one of you!

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