

Rich and Cindy Brown in Spain

From our house to yours this Christmas... a photo album for Dec 2021!

TEACHING

Since 2018 Rich has been sharing the pulpit with Miguel Ángel about half of the time. Starting in January, Rich will be in the pulpit one-fourth of the time. Rich continues to meet with saved men for discipleship. At the moment, he has 2 studies with unsaved men. **Please pray for the salvation of Ángel and Fernando.**

We are excited to see people grow spiritually and prepare to serve at church...



Yelitza teaches Sunday School at our church. This month she completed a 35-hour teacher training class put on by CEF.



The youth group led by Adam and Emily Byerly met in our home last week. Several of these young believers are preparing a puppet show for our Christmas outreach to children on Dec. 17. Will you pray?



Cindy's English classes meet after school during the week (*left*). All but one of the children pictured here are from unsaved families. Three kids regularly attend our Friday Bible Club (*right*) and the others have visited.



COUNSELING



Marriage: We are studying the book *When Sinners Say I Do* with Daniel and Paula from our church (*left*). We have also had the opportunity to walk through a difficult season with another couple. **Please pray that God brings conviction to the husband who has not yet confessed Christ.**

Finances: Rich is helping church members Fabio and Maribel with a study on the godly use of money (*right*).

Baptism: Two people gave testimony of their faith in Christ and were baptized by our Spanish pastor in September. Rich is meeting with a third person regarding baptism. **Praise God for steady growth.**



RICH'S HEALTH

PRAISE It appears that Rich's medications have finally succeeded in getting the AIH (Autoimmune Hepatitis) under control. Rich feels good, even energetic, and his liver is recuperating well. He doesn't need to see the liver specialist for 3 months.

PRAYER Since June, however, Rich has been unable to run due to lower back pain. After various tests, the neurosurgeon identified the problem as *sacroiliitis*, the inflammation of the bilateral joints in the lower pelvic-sacral region. Now Rich has been sent to a rheumatologist to determine if the problem is related to his autoimmune disease. We know God has this all figured out, but we appreciate your prayers for Rich.

FAMILY VISITS

We enjoyed visits from all our four of our children this fall. We are so thankful for their growth in the Lord!



Rachel and Adam were the first to visit with their daughter Freya (now 1 ½).



Andrew and Lyndsey and children came for a nice visit. We helped watch the kids---a gift to us as well!



Amanda and Mikey joined the 7 of us before heading to Portugal for a few days of vacation. And Elizabeth will be spending Christmas and New Year's with us--we must be the most blessed missionaries in the world!

We hope you have a great Christmas season as well. Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts to us!
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