

# Bill & Therese Williams

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## WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?

Thirty years ago, I was told at some point in my mission classes in college to never begin a prayer letter by an apology. Well, I find it necessary to not follow that advice this time. I apologize for being a month late in this prayer letter. Time has slipped up on me. I sincerely thought I had sent out the last prayer letter the last of June instead of May. Last week, we finished our last week of four weeks of camp for this summer. That time-consuming task as well as the ministry of the Bible *Memory Association*, a visit from a church in Texas, and the everyday concerns of the Palencia Baptist Mission has left Therese and I worn out, but not so much as to make sure we inform our beloved brethren of the work here in Spain.

**CHURCH VISIT** - It was a great blessing to have ten folks from the Mineral Heights Baptist Church come to Spain in June to visit with us and assist us here in the ministry. Pastor Mike Harrigan and our brethren were a great blessing to me and Therese as well as the brethren in our mission church here in Palencia and the "mother" church we started and turned over to a national pastor in Leganés, Madrid. They helped us in our renovations here in the church building in Palencia as well as in the preparation for camps. Thank you Bro. Harrigan and Mineral Heights for the encouragement you were to us and our ministry!

**AMB** - The *Asociación para la Memorización de la Biblia* finished its second year in the middle of June. There were 469 participants from 21 churches in the memorization plan this year of which more than 300 finished their 12 to 15 weekly assignments. More than 25,000 verses were hidden in hearts of children, young people, as well as adults. The youngest memorizer was four years old and the oldest was in the eighties. This past May, the Scripture Memory Fellowship in the USA, sent AMB a very generous offering of which we applied to reimburse camp tuitions for those participants who would arrive in camp on the first day and recite, in one sitting, from half to all of their memorized lessons. It is a difficult task to memorize and recite in order from memory 50 to 120 verses within an hour including references and lesson titles, but 20 campers were able to attend camp at a reduced rate or even free because of their extra hard work.

**CAMPS** - As mentioned earlier, Therese and I worked in four of the five camps held this summer at the Mount Calvary Baptist Camp in Guadalajara, Spain. Over the last 25 years, we have directed many weeks of camp, but this year have left the directing of the camps in the capable hands of other pastors or missionaries. Many children and young people made professions of faith this year, including fourteen in the junior high camp.

**PALENCIA BAPTIST MISSION** - Our little mission here in Palencia, is growing in numbers as well as in love and a Christ-like spirit. Even though we have been holding services for only a year and a half, currently there are ten faithful adult members with an average attendance on Sunday mornings of fourteen. The folks continue to be encouraged in the renovation of the little store-front building we rented last April. We are planning on concentrating more on evangelization this fall. Please, continue to remember Palencia in your prayers.

**FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES** - We normally do not write about any financial crisis that we might suffer but this time find it necessary. Even though over the years as your missionaries we have been responsible in regards to the management of our finances, and even though we have faithful supporting churches who continue to increase our support level; nevertheless, due to the continued weak dollar, lost support, and increased work expenditures because of the new work here in Palencia, for the last two years we have experienced a constant monthly shortfall in regards to income versus expenses. Thankfully, we were able to see the grace of the Lord through a financial cushion from last furlough, and as well as some unexpected but very welcomed extra offerings that have kept us afloat. We are well aware of the financial difficulties of many folks in our supporting churches. But our God is not in a financial crisis, and we are sure of his continued faithfulness in providing for our needs as we all tighten our belts. We just ask for prayers as well as the consideration for our ministry if the Lord gives the ability to help a little extra. Meanwhile, we all continue to remain fighting in the battle! May He bless you all for your faithfulness!

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