

# Bill & Therese Williams

December 2024

*Feliz Navidad!*

*to all of our faithful supporting churches, friends, and family!*



## A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO ALL!

The holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving is in the past; the celebration of our Lord's birth is right around the corner; and we are closing out the year of our Lord 2024! Therese and I are celebrating Christmas and finishing 2024 in Texas. So much has happened in the last month since our last prayer letter we would need two to three pages to detail; but we will try to summarize it in this letter. Before we do that, we want to wish and pray that you all have a blessed Christmas and New Year! This year closes out with Therese and I more encouraged than ever in the ministry, not to mention that our country is more encouraged after the elections last month. We should all pray that before His soon coming, the Lord gives us one more chance to share the Gospel around the world starting in our own backyard.

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## BLESSINGS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC

The last few months have seen Therese and I extremely busy to the point of exhaustion as we have tied up loose ends in Spain and have paved the way for our new ministry in San Antonio, Texas.

Let us begin by informing you of the closing down of our ministry in Spain. As we wrote in our November prayer letter, the Lord has moved us to a new field of service. Although the ministries we have established in the last 36 years will continue to move forward in our absence, the Lord has finished with our physical ministerial presence in Spain. For the last two years, we have been slowly but surely winding down our participation in all of the ministries of which we have been involved. But these last few months have been a whirlwind of activity in closing down accounts, packing and moving of our household goods, as well as visiting churches throughout Spain to say farewell. Last summer the Mount Calvary Baptist Camp presented us with a video and a plaque recognizing and thanking us for 35 years of working in and directing camps. In October, we visited with the first church we started, the Leganés Baptist Church, which also recognized and thanked us for our ministry there. Then we visited the church in Guadalajara, who also recognized our ministry and bade us farewell. On the 23rd of November, a surprise service, party, and banquet was held in our honor in a nice hotel in Palencia. There were 160 who attended with pastors and brethren from eight churches all over Spain. We were presented with another plaque and videos and testimonies; and then eight pastors, four of which are my "Timothys," laid their hands on me and Therese and prayed for us commending us to our new ministry among the displaced Hispanic peoples in San Antonio. Finally, in this month of December, our church in Palencia held special services on our last Sunday in Spain. In every wonderful event, many photos were taken, hugs and holy kisses were given, and tears shed. Therese and I truly feel very loved and realize more than ever that the Lord has placed his "seal of approval" on our ministry in Spain as we were blessed to be witnesses of so many whose lives have been touched by the Gospel.

Meanwhile, the Lord has opened up so many doors for us to move back to the states to continue our ministry in San Antonio. Pastor Dennis Isbell and the Grace Baptist Temple of San Antonio have been paving the way for us to move to S.A. GBT will be the church where we start our Hispanic ministry and where we will center our base of operations. Thanks to Pastor Isbell and a Christian real estate agent associated with the church, we were able to buy a house in San Antonio from overseas. Therese and I are so excited about moving into the first house we have bought in 49 1/2 years of marriage. Hopefully and prayerfully, our household goods will arrive by the middle of January, and we will be able to set up our home at that time.

During this closing of our ministry in Spain, we have also taken the time to inform our supporting pastors of our change of field. We are so grateful that the great majority are fully supportive of the change in our ministry and will continue to prayerfully and financially support us. We want to emphasize that we are NOT retiring, nor are we changing the focus of our ministry. We are still church-planting missionaries to the Hispanic peoples, but will be now working on the mission field of San Antonio, Texas. We want to sincerely thank all of our supporting churches for their faithful support of our family and ministry for the last 36+ years. You have stood by us through the thick and thin; through all the trials and successes. I pray that you all understand that many dividends have been paid and will continue to be paid over the years in souls saved and baptized into local New Testament Baptist churches where they are being taught all things which the Lord has commanded us in His Word.

**Thank you for your faithful support of our family and ministry! For without your faithfulness, many souls in Spain would not have been touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our ministry over the decades.**

**May you all have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!**

**P.S. We also want to inform you all of our change of address and phone number.**

**Please, note the current information above under our photograph.**

*Bill + Therese*

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Farewell Service  
Leganes Baptist Church



Farewell Service  
Faith Baptist Church  
Palencia



Surprise Party, Service  
& Banquet Palencia



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ACORDÁNDONOS SIN CESAR DELANTE DEL DIOS Y PADRE NUESTRO DE LA OBRA DE VUESTRA FE, DEL TRABAJO DE VUESTRO AMOR Y DE VUESTRA CONSTANCIA EN LA ESPERANZA EN NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO.

1 TESALONICENSIS 1:3

Família Williams

MUCHÍSIMAS GRACIAS POR VUESTRO TRABAJO DE AMOR EN ESPAÑA



Pastors Commending us  
to the Ministry in San Antonio



Plaque Presented to  
Me and Therese  
in Palencia