

Bill & Therese Williams

May - June 2024



RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

The last Sunday of May saw a record attendance at the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia of 85 souls. This record breaks our previous record of 76 set back in January. The church is continuing to grow even though Satan is working hard to discourage us with some of our members who have fallen by the wayside. Nevertheless, many more are becoming more faithful in many aspects of their spiritual lives. Truly Pastor Valentin is leading the church on to greater heights not only in attendance but in the winning of souls. The last of this month another baptismal service down at the river is planned as we have several possible candidates we are discipling at this time. **Please continue to pray for the Iglesia Bautista Fe de Palencia as it continues to move forward in the obedience of the Great Commission.**

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

As the church, Therese and I were able to establish starting in our apartment living room eleven years ago, continues to grow and experience the great blessings of the Lord; what I call a *golden opportunity* has presented itself to us these last few months. For seven years, we have rented the building in which we are located. The owner, Emiliano, has charged us a very reasonable rent all these years, but the contract will be up in three years. He is nearing 80 years-old and wants to sell the building. This means that all of the \$35,000+ worth of renovations we have invested could be lost; much less the fact that we could lose our place of worship and have to find a new building.

So we approached Emiliano about the possibility of buying the building, but there is a very big problem with that endeavor in that no bank would even consider giving us a loan for the building unless we were to pay down at least 50% of its value, with an interest rate of more than 7%. We proposed to Emiliano that we would give him a "very good" downpayment and asked him if he would finance the rest of the cost. To our surprise he accepted that proposal, but then the problem would be how much he would be willing to sell it to us. The building was appraised at only 98,000€ (\$106,500). He scoffed at that value (understandable since the building was worth double that amount as little as 10 years ago), but then Emiliano offered to sell it to us at 130,000€ (\$141,000)! Furthermore, he would not charge us ANY interest! Our monthly mortgage payment would be around \$1,300 for five to seven years depending on how much we paid down.



How can we pass up this offer? Obviously, it is from the Lord! So we will have to raise a downpayment of at least 30,000€ (\$32,600) but he would prefer something closer to 40 to 50,000€ (\$43,500 - \$54,000). We already have close to 12,000€ (\$13,000) we can put down, so Therese and I, along with the brethren of the Faith Baptist Church are asking our faithful supporters if you might be able to help us in the next few months until the end of the year to raise another 38,000€ (\$41,000). Emiliano would like to finalize the sale by October or November if possible.

**Please, consider helping us with this "Golden Opportunity"!
Thank you for your faithfulness to our ministry!**

Building Purchase Plan	
Asking Price	\$141,000
Downpayment	\$54,000
Balance to be financed	\$85,000
Amount of downpayment	\$54,000
Amount already on hand	\$13,000
Amount needed	\$41,000

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