



The Good Samaritan



We thank God for the arrival of new men at the Center

After having spent a few months with very few residents, now there are eight people, from different parts of Spain. Please pray for them—they are all progressing adequately and are learning how to live a life free from addictions. One came here directly from the hospital in Pozoblanco; if he had kept on living in his car, he wouldn't be alive today. Weighing only 45 kilos and extremely malnourished, he was close to being one more victim of alcohol consumption, but today he is recovering and both his inner person and outward appearance have changed completely.



Residents and workers at rehab centre

We held the 20th Annual Pedroches Valley Drug Prevention Days.

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This 20th edition had as its slogan, “**Disconnect yourself!**” and dealt with topics related to addiction to the new technologies. As is customary, the local media covered the events, and we achieved the objectives proposed: giving talks to most of the young people in area schools, and giving lectures at night which were open to the general public. These were given with the goal of raising awareness among youth and adults of the risks of abuse and addiction inherent in the new technologies. The invited speaker was **Lidia Martin Torralba**, holder of bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from the Complutense University in Madrid and president of the *Prevvia* Association.

The opening ceremony of the addiction-prevention days was led by the mayor of Pozoblanco, Emiliano Pozuelo Cerezo. We viewed a commemorative video of the 20 years of history of the Rehabilitation Center, where those present remembered significant moments from its beginning, its failures and its victories, in a struggle that has included over 470 men who have been helped. After a few words of introduction to the themes to be dealt with in the coming evenings, we opened that evening's lecture.



Under the title, **“New technologies: Use or abuse?”** a lecture was given on the positive elements of the new technologies, indicating where to draw the line between adequate use and inappropriate abuse.

The second day, two residents of the Center gave their testimony, and the lecture that followed had as its title, **“How to relate to others on the Internet.”**

The third day, we had the testimony of another resident of the Center who spoke on the terrible consequences of consuming drugs; seeing him speaking from a wheelchair left us moved by such a graphic visual testimony of the consequences for his life.

His sincere and uncontradictable phrase, **“I am the only one responsible for what has happened to me,”** impacted everyone in the auditorium. The last lecture dealt with **“Addiction to technologies: pathology and solutions.”**



The mornings of the second and third days, long talks were given in several Pozoblanco schools to raise the awareness of youth about the dangers of technology. One can already detect some worrying symptoms of abuse, at a minimum, and even an addiction to technologies, in some youth.

The days of talks ended with some heartfelt and significant words from the Pozoblanco local government council delegate, Modesto Sánchez Juliá.

Both the government and the Good Samaritan Association made clear their intention to continue the campaign against abuse, each in its own way, in a cooperative effort that goes back almost a quarter century. We certainly want to thank all those men and women who, each doing their part, help us so that this effort may continue for many more years.

Complete information about the Abuse-Prevention Days may be found :

1st Day : www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3kTffG_Xpk

2nd Day www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wugr2za_VIw and 3rd Day : www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx8yKrXnd3M



Testimony of Carlos and Sue Navarro.

In this newsletter we want to share with you the story of a couple who are very special to us. A Spaniard from Barcelona and a British woman (who participated as a volunteer, sharing the Gospel in Pozoblanco for several months) tell us in their own words:

My experience at the Good Samaritan Center

“My name is Carlos and I am from Barcelona although presently I live in England with my wife and two children. Seven years ago I went through rehabilitation at the Good Samaritan Center in Córdoba (province). My time there was difficult, but very special. Thanks to the volunteers and missionaries who treated me like one more member of their family, my experience there was one of the greatest blessings of my life. It’s a unique place, with people who love and work for the Lord, giving their lives for others and so showing their love for Jesus.



My time there was very good, a time of rebirth where I could find the Lord once again and begin a new season in my life as a believer. In the middle of nature and with a rehabilitation program that includes regular devotions, organic food, work in the fields and fellowship at the church in Pozoblanco. That’s where I met Sue, and after I finished my time at the Good Samaritan, a few years later we were married and God has continued blessing our lives with two children, José and Scarlett. We recently visited the Good Samaritan Center on its 20th anniversary. It was a great blessing to be able to return and visit and spend time with the brothers in Christ who helped me to get back on the Lord’s path. We pray the Lord may continue using the Good Samaritan to bless lives like mine and those of my family”.

Carlos and Sue Navarro are active members of a church in Great Britain, business people by profession, and living testimonies of the power of the Gospel in people. Be encouraged, Carlos and Sue: Psalm 128:3 says, “...your children [will be] like olive plants around your table.”

Thanks to everyone for praying, donating and participating in this ministry of shining light into the lives of those who dwell in darkness!

Good Samaritan Organic Olive Oil continues to serve the cause of the needy

The Chinese Evangelical Church of Córdoba has purchased several hundred liters of Good Samaritan Olive Oil for its program of helping the needy, in which it and other Chinese churches in Andalusia are involved. The person behind this initiative is Lili, pastor of the church in Córdoba. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to them.



The coffee shop, “**Torch coffee**” in Seville, only 20 meters away from Seville’s emblematic “Tower of Gold,” has opened its doors recently; it is run by two American women who import good coffee from Central America. Since its opening, the business has offered Good Samaritan Olive Oil as an integral part of its Andalusian breakfast, and I believe I can say without fear of being mistaken that it is the first such establishment to offer our “organic extra-virgin olive oil.” I was moved the other day, when I was holding a meeting in such an illustrious place, and saw Spaniards and foreigners tasting our oil. Who would have dreamed of that, even a few years ago?! And with the image of the “Tower of Gold” as a backdrop?!

Thinking about Christmas

Have you thought about **giving our oil as a gift** for a friend? If you purchase our oil, for yourself or for a friend, you will be helping us. Also, the name gives you a perfect reason for sharing the Gospel with those who don’t know Jesus.

Or why not **adopt an olive tree** at the Good Samaritan Center? If you do, you will receive either a 3-liter or a 5-liter can of oil, depending on the type of adoption, and a photo of the olive tree adopted.

These options are possible only for Spain and Great Britain : aceitebuensam@gmail.com

All these are ways to collaborate, get familiar with, visit and understand this ministry. Leviticus 24:2-3 says, “*Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually...before the Lord. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations.*” **Likewise, we want our lives to shine for God’s glory, just as those lamps burned continually in the Lord’s presence!**

Thank you for your prayers and support !

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