## September 2021 Newsletter

Dear friends and supporters, thank you very much for your love and care for us. Every time we receive an email or letter from you it encourages us and fills our hearts with gratitude. As Autumn draws near and the weather begins to cool, we are thankful to the Lord that we are closer to our first anniversary since we moved to Oxford. And through it all you have been a constant fountain of joy. Thank you!

# **Family Update**

Guess what... **Kathy is pregnant**! We praise the Lord for baby No. 3 and look forward to its birth in January 2022. This means that life at the Solanos just got extra exciting as we figure out how life will look like in England with a baby! In God's providence, even before its birth, we have seen God's goodness in people generously giving us many of the things we will need. The Lord continues to provide for all our needs!



Praise the Lord, Kathy is doing very well. She now at 21 weeks. This picture is from our very first ultrasound earlier this summer. Unfortunately we do not have a more recent one, so just imagine it older and bigger :).



Soon there will be another tiny, little Solano baby. Would you join us in praying for Kathy and the baby, that God would protect the baby and allow it to grow healthily and orderly?



Another big news: Sophia started Kindergarten. This is a picture from her first day, all dressed up in school uniform.

#### **Summer in Germany**

As we wrote in our <u>previous Newsletter</u>, we were blessed to spend the summer in Germany with Kathy's family. We had the most restful and refreshing time. Johanna and Benedikt, Kathy's parents, were extraordinary in giving us time while they took our daughters all over Munich. Thank you again for sustaining us in prayer during our months in Germany.



Alberto preached in German at a local church in Munich, Germany. Thank you for those who prayed for him as he preached in another language. His sermon was based on Genesis 50. Besides his preaching ministry, we sought to encourage Benedikt and Johanna's work in their church. There is much to be done for the Gospel in the city of Munich and the entire region of South Germany.

### **Ministry in Oxford**

After our delightful time in Germany, we were eager to return to serve in our local church: Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church. And we did not have to wait long for ministries to pick up speed. From hosting to attending Bible

studies, Kathy continues to help out in women's ministry. She is thrilled to begin a year-long program with London Seminary to grow in her knowledge of Scripture. (More on this in our next Newsletter.)

Alberto, on the other hand, has been asked to help out in the church's student ministry and a few administrative matters to help our church's make a more effective impact in this city that desperately needs Jesus' Gospel. Besides this, he was blessed to be have been elected by B-Less as part of this year's scholars who will help disciple and invest in the university's theology students. You can read more about it by clicking <u>here</u>.



Alberto, preaching from Psalm 5 at our Local Church. You can hear his sermon by clicking <u>here</u>. Before the sermon, you can see him lead the Children's Talk, in which he takes time to teach the congregation's children the same truths he is about to preach.



Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church, our local church in Oxford. Week by week we see how the Lord uses this group of believers to impact this city and share Christ from business to classrooms, homes to parks.

#### **Prayer requests**

- Pray for Kathy in her third pregnancy, that the Lord would protect both her and the baby. Pray also as she begins her yearlong program at London Seminary. Pray that she would grow in knowledge and wisdom as she gathers the tools that will help her study and teach God's Word best.
- Pray for Alberto as he helps with our church's student's ministry. Pray that God would give him the ability to connect with the incoming students

and that he would show them Christ in what he says and how he counsels and leads.

- For Sophia as she starts Kindergarten, that she would adapt quickly to a new environment that requires her to speak English (at home she mainly speaks German).
- Pray for ICB church in Mexico as our newest elders, Manuel, was just installed a few weeks ago. Pray that the Lord would give him joy and patience as he settles into his new role and responsibilities. Pray for the church in general, that they would continue to be a faithful testimony of the Gospel in Mexico.

### Partner with us

Our goal in life is to glorify God by making Christ known in the Spanish speaking world. Pray to God and ask Him if it is His will for you to partner with us. If the Lord places in your heart a desire to partner with us, through prayer and financial support, here is how:

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- Credit Card Monthly Giving. If you would like to set up a recurring credit card donation or set up a monthly direct deposit, fill out the form at: <u>https://www.gracechurch.org/mexico</u>. Please make sure to select the missionary project: *Mexico Church Strengthening*.

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