



The Missionary Journey of
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Only let us hold true
to what we have attained.

--Philippians 3:16

Taken out of the context of the rest of Philippians, you may be wondering to what this verse is referring, and what does it have to do with God's work in Spain? Great questions!

Paul exhorts his listeners, the members of the church in Philippi, to hold on to the truth of the gospel of Christ that they have already believed in. To be unified in their belief of the doctrine that he has taught them, namely that our justification and our righteousness come from faith, not from our works.

In the photo below, three adults profess their faith in this pure Gospel, and join you and me as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, and specifically of the Lutheran Church in Spain. You see two pastors and three adults, all holding true to what they have attained: unity in their belief of the true Gospel.

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!

God's Word is tenacious--

it accomplishes that which He purposed!

Guillermo, one of the new members, used to live in Seville and attended worship with Pastor Lehman. Due to CV-19, he lost his job and moved home to northern Spain, but continued to worship with the Seville congregation via face book. He had started new member classes with Pastor Lehman, but then finished them via zoom. He joined the other 2 adults (pictured) for weekly catechism classes led jointly by Pastor Warner, Pastor Machado and Pastor Lobo. That's quite a few pastors getting involved in just one person's membership journey!



What a blessing to know that all the Pastors currently serving the Spanish Lutheran Church enjoy the unity of doctrine that Paul speaks of. They work together, serve in worship together, study the Biblical texts together, and encourage each other in Christ. **"Again I say rejoice!"**



Fran, Silvia, & Guillermo with Pastors Lehman and Machado Welcome to the Family of Christ!



Pastors and members travelled to this central location in Galicia for the Service that one of the members hosted on his patio.

Pastor Warner and Shelee traveled to Madrid this weekend to provide worship at Emmanuel congregation. All our pastors "share the pulpit" with each other, which is possible because they share unity in doctrine. They share the responsibility for preaching to all the members, in their homes or rented spaces around the country, in our designated worship spaces in Madrid, Seville, Cartagena, and Valencia.

Again I say rejoice!



When traveling to provide worship, the pastors bring what they can to set up an altar and create an appropriate worship space within the confines of the location.

Christ joins us as two or more gather in His name.
His Supper always delivers what He promises:
the forgiveness of sins.

We rejoice because of your unity
in this doctrine and your partnership in God's mission!
Thank you!

