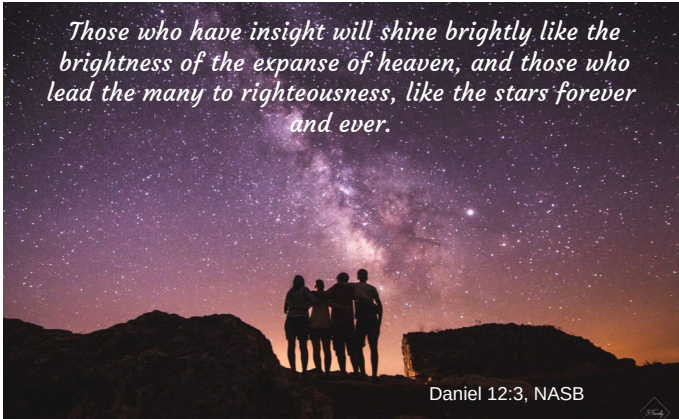


THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.



COACHING FOR CHRIST

August 26th saw the start of our “5th Annual International Soccer Days,” with the Coaching for Christ professional coaches from Northern Ireland. This year set a record attendance with 170 children from Pozoblanco and the surrounding towns, El Viso and Villanueva de Córdoba.

Seeking once again to support the children of Pozoblanco and El Viso, we pulled together this year to extend the effort to Villanueva de Córdoba, with the objective of supporting sport and Christian values, both on and off the field.

We are grateful for the institutional support of the three towns’ governments, their mayors, sports directors and the presidents of their soccer-school clubs. Without them, none of this would have been possible. We also thank the parents for their trust, in bringing their children to this event.

THE STARS

Like the stars, in this case the Milky Way shines each night over every human being. Jesus’ disciples are compared to the stars, and in a perpetual way; they proclaim the righteousness of God to the people who walk in darkness. That’s how we see our Good Samaritan Association ministry.



POZOBLANCO

Each year, the expectation and interest in the event has grown, as has the number of participants. And the local governments and soccer-school clubs have done a magnificent job of organization and logistics. Both parents and children enjoyed four intense days of sport and Christian values, which will be useful to them in every area of their lives. This year, in addition to the leaders already mentioned, we again had the presence of Pablo Lozano, president of the Royal Andalusian Soccer Foundation (RFAF), and vice president of of the National Committee on Indoor Soccer of the Royal Spanish Soccer Federation



EL VISO

We would like to recognize the strong support that both the government and the Sports Council give to this activity, fostering a good relationship among all concerned. We thank all those who make this possible, and also our translators—Tania and Carlos Deering, Sonia Arjona and Delyth Sutton—who did an excellent job.



VILLANUEVA DE CÓRDOBA

In Villanueva de Córdoba, 45 children attended in spite of limiting factors, such as the weather, and the whole event was a success. We were pleasantly surprised at the attendance, given that this was the first time the event was held there. And even more significant was an agreement with the town's authorities to repeat the event in 2020!



VISIT TO THE CENTER OF THE COACHING FOR CHRIST

As we do each year, we held a related event where people could share testimonies, experiences and lessons learned. We shared an excellent paella, and, of course, a game of soccer. The men of the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Center almost defeated the coaches...



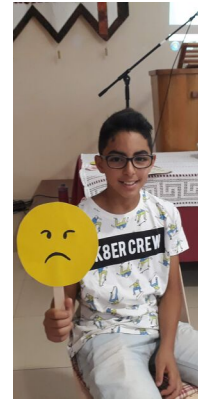
JUAN

Drugs don't respect borders of any kind, and the following case is no exception. Juan, a mentally handicapped boy, was displaying behaviors that kept him from living in the company of other persons with handicaps similar to his. He started a program of treatment at the Good Samaritan Center, where it wasn't easy for him to recognize his past errors, nor for us to identify those "trigger" factors that put him at risk of experiencing the whirlwind of emotions that drove his addiction. But as he began to understand his condition, and being sustained in an environment of both freedom and accountability, he has learned that his rehabilitation is a process, and a continual journey of understanding himself better. The progress requires one's own effort and commitment to take responsibility for one's self.

Juan recognizes that the Lord Jesus has changed his life, and is very grateful to his fellow residents and to the monitors at the Good Samaritan Center

THE DORCAS PROJECT

The Good Samaritan Association supports 40 families who are in a vulnerable situation, providing them with basic foodstuffs each month, and in some cases helping with expenses that they cannot pay. Part of the social assistance outreach are practical workshops we give on family-related topics, which contribute to improving personal relationships. The topics discussed always include a key Bible verse as the basis of the workshop. These have been very well accepted, and this year we have seen that in addition to meeting the families' need for food, we have met emotional needs as well.



HOW TO COLLABORATE

We are grateful for an Important contribution that has arrived to cover the temporary hiring of a monitor, who can fill in for the Director, in his absence. We also have a new project for this fall: the purchase of:

9-passenger van

For transporting residents of the Center, for use in supporting the Dorcas program, and for transporting volunteers and teams who visit us. If you would like to support this project, please specify with your donation, "9-passenger van project."



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We also continue to have needs for general support of the Center, which could be met by adopting olive trees, purchasing our organic olive oil, or by making a direct contribution.



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¡ Thank you for those who have already responded!



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