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THE GOOD SAMARITAN



For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Mateo 7:8

Spring has arrived, and with it, just like the flowers that bring joy to our eyes, the gestation of new ideas to benefit more people.

"Lord, You have been, are and will be FAITHFUL!"

MY EXPERIENCE AT THE GOOD SAMARITAN

My name is Carlos. I'm from Barcelona, although I presently live in England with my wife and two children. 14 years ago, I was rehabilitated at the Good Samaritan Center in Cordoba.

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 at the Good Samaritan has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. A unique place with people who love the Lord, and work for Him, giving their lives for others and thus showing their love for Jesus.

My time there was very good, a time of re-birth where I was able to re-encounter the Lord and start a new season in my life as a believer. In the middle of nature, with a rehabilitation program that included a program of devotions, organic food, work in the fields, and regular worship at the Evangelical Church of Pozoblanco. There I met Sue, and to make a long story short, some years later we married, and God has continued blessing our lives with two children, José and Scarlett. A few years ago, we visited the Good Samaritan for its 20th anniversary. It was a great blessing to be able to return and visit and spend time with the brethren in Christ who had helped me reestablish my walk with the Lord. We pray that the Lord may continue blessing lives like mine and my family's through the Good Samaritan.

Carlos Navarro

Carlos and Sue are members of an evangelical church in Sunderland (UK). Sue is an entrepreneur, and Carlos works as a representative of Spain for the AkzoNobel company.



GOOD NEWS OF JESUS...

Bringing the Good News of Jesus to the people of Europe is what ECM is all about. As a mission we have been delighted to support the Good Samaritan Centre throughout its 25 year existence. The ministry of the Centre is an integral part of what it means to treat people as Jesus treated them, reaching out to physical, emotional as well as spiritual needs.

Jesus makes a difference in every area of our lives, and the Good Samaritan Centre has seen families and lives of individuals transformed by the work of the Spirit of God. People who have been at the Centre have been brought into contact not just with Jesus himself, but with his people in evangelical churches in the parts of Spain they come from.

It is not always easy, though, to know how best to support a ministry such as Good Samaritan. Sometimes imaginative ideas are the best way to approach this issue - and that is exactly what the Centre has done. Over 1000 olive trees on the property are used to produce, good quality, organic olive oil which helps raise the funds for the team of people who help clients with their rehabilitation from drug addiction and their reintegration in society.

Everyone can be a part of this, just recently I adopted an olive tree to help support the work. More than 150 of the trees at Good Samaritan have now been adopted, which helps ensure the ministry continues. This seems to me to be a great way to be part of the ministry, especially as those of us who live outside the European Union cannot purchase the olive oil itself. So, why not head over to their website and do the same? Join with me and many others in supporting this work, so that more people can hear the ***Good News of Jesus and experience the transforming power of the Spirit of God***



*Simon Marshall
International Director
European Christian Mission International*

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GRANDPARENTS

sponsor

OLIVE TREES

in the name of their

GRANDCHILDREN



Some American grandparents, blessed with nine grandchildren, have sponsored nine olive trees at the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Center, one in the name of each grandchild. Each tree will bear a plaque with the name of a grandchild, and each grandchild will receive a photo of “their tree.”

Eduardo Myers and his wife, Joyce, who live in Río Rancho, New Mexico, said that by so doing, they hope to encourage in each grandchild an awareness of the need for solidarity with and commitment to missions, passing the baton to the younger generation. They have encouraged their grandchildren—who love the idea—to pray for the missionary work in Spain and to give financially as they are able.

Eduardo said, “I want each one to realize that their olive tree represents a part of the ministry of changing lives and saving souls. One day, I will die, but I hope the next generation will take up the baton and continue the race.”

The Good Samaritan, located in Andalusia’s Sierra Morena, manages an organic olive grove of about 800 trees, whose fruit is sold to help with the expense of running the center for men with addictions. In fact, the care of the trees is one of the tasks at which the residents work, in a program that teaches them good work habits as an integral part of their eventual reinsertion into society.

Olive trees, like a good grandparent, are quite long-lived, and capable of growing even in very difficult conditions, producing very healthy fruit and giving an encouraging example to the new generations.



Eduardo and Joyce Myers served in Spain in the 1980s and early 1990s, taking the Gospel to the town of Peñarroya and other places. They also helped men with addictions, taking them to rehabilitation centers in Madrid or Barcelona, before the Good Samaritan was founded. Although they returned to the United States in 1992, the Myers have been giving offerings and praying for over 25 years so that the Good Samaritan may keep fulfilling its mission.

Francis Arjona, president of the Good Samaritan Association, explained that those who live in the European Union and sponsor an olive tree for an annual total of 70 euros receive a photo of the tree and a can of the organic olive oil from the grove's trees. However, he added, due to the difficulty of sending the thank-you gift of the olive oil to areas outside of the EU, the association has now begun this new mode of sponsoring a tree with a plaque in the giver's name, sending the giver a picture of "their tree" with its plaque.

Arjona encourages everyone, be they grandparents or not, to stand in solidarity and sponsor one or more trees in the name of a loved one, participating in this "olive tree relay race," a race whose prize is seeing lives transformed by Jesus Christ.



Adopt.

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OWARDS THE ERADICATION...



**The Good Samaritan contributes toward this initiative,
serving as a channel for donations and making the need known.**

We are making great advances in the eradication of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage among the Maasai. In the last few months, the NGO “Esipata E Selenkei” (Girls’ Rights), directed by Pastor Marko, with whom we work, has taken a team of leaders to the five zones of Tanzania where the Maasai live. He has gathered together the chiefs of the tribes, their leading elders, their witch doctors, teachers, other doctors, representatives of the government, and the women who perform FGM on girls, in order to teach them the destructive consequences of these practices. In a way that is respectful of the culture, they open conversations so that all may give opinions and suggestions about the topic.

Some have never attended school, so in the written agreement, they simply place their fingerprint as a sign of agreeing to not continue these practices. We firmly believe that God is giving an opportunity to the whole tribe to come to know Him. We are receiving reports of many people who are accepting the Lord and believing in Him.

Please work with us!

To Jesus be the glory!



Adopt.



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