

NEWSLETTER CEC-MASVIDAL

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Our news

Visit of Chilean missionaries

In the middle of March we had the blessing of being able to host an expedition of Chilean missionaries belonging to "ProVision.cl", on the way to Equatorial Guinea. The stay was in our house of spirituality, the Ahadia de Biescas, and there was occasion to establish different meetings and appointments with members of various ecclesial communities in the area.

Likewise, the foundations were laid for CEC-Masvidal to be able to send missionary support as soon as possible to work directly with members of the Ndowé ethnic group in Guinea.

The visit ended with the reception in Barcelona of the head of the missionary group, by our president.



Pablo, Enric, Carla and Mª Soledad, during their stay in the Ahadia de Biescas (Huesca - Spain).

Campaign against racism

No Christian can be racist or xenophobic

Last March 21st was the international day against Racism and Xenophobia, and from our community we began a campaign to raise awareness of our underlying racism.

A poster was created, together with the 'Equipo Ecuémico de Sabiñánigo' and the 'Iglesia del Buen Pastor', and spread through social networks and with posters hung on the streets.

EASTER TIME = MISSION TIME



From next month of June, we will have a direct presence on mission land, with my trip to Equatorial Guinea.

I am very joyful of this new opportunity that God gives me to be able to serve with my time and my abilities, in the direct fieldwork.

No doubt, I travel to a region with many difficulties and a lack of security are important enough, but the last reason for this challenge is and will always be comforting and bigger than the human fears that sow doubts in my heart.

Pray for me and so that I may be a blessing among those who will welcome me during this time.

Enric Ainsa אנסא



Other news

External relations

We must inform you that the mission to Guatemala has not been able to materialize.

After a year and a half of collaboration, the journey with the '*Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida*' (IEMU) has ended because of three core issues, namely: 1 - IEMU does not have today a clear and defined mission plan, beyond its local growth and absorption of dissident communities of the '*Iglesia Evangélica*

Española' (IEE); 2- there has been no agreement between the IEMU and our missionary on the calendars for the ministerial recognition of this one in time to work together and under the shelter of this new Methodist church; and 3- Due to a manifest incompatibility between the CEC-Masvidal and the IEMU in matters of sexual morality, inasmuch the CEC-Masvidal considers that no son of God should be separated from an absolutely ecclesial life because of its orientation and gender identity.

Pastoral and Evangelization

On March 17th, the first monthly Bible Study was held in the Ahadia de Biescas. The meeting was attended by both Protestants and Catholics, and an ecumenical study was carried out by pastor Daniel Vergara and focused on the search for clues that appear in the Old Testament as a revelation Of the Second Person of the Trinity.

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ECUMENISM, HOPE AND MATURITY IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

On March 5th, a meeting took place in Rome between Pope Francis and Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury: they showed, despite the real obstacles that exist between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, their willingness to continue working together for the unity of Christians.

Such news is bound to fill the hearts and minds of believers with joy, especially if we take into account the great historical scandal that has led to the division of the Body of Christ -the universal Church- into blocks, not just different, but openly hostile to each other in a good number of cases. It is not the moment to throw accusations against anyone, blaming one or another of those lamentable fragments of Christendom, but to gauge the historical moment that we live, becoming aware of it and contributing, as much as possible, to that communion that -it is assumed- the followers of Jesus are called to be of heart.



The words of the Lord gathered in the Priestly Prayer of John 17: 20-21: They set us a course too clear to pretend to shut our ears, or to pretext differences impossible to overcome, if they really have to be overcome. Who has said that full communion among the followers of Jesus means absolute uniformity of thought or liturgical forms? Or who would dare to deny that the different ecclesiastical traditions enrich the common Christian cast?

Are there different opinions? Without a doubt; diverse points of view? Certainly; but an identical foundation, and the only one and the same faith. One might ask very seriously: if the Providence which guided

the inspiration of the New Testament writings did not want to show a way for the Church, which over the centuries to come would develop varied traditions, different liturgies and different systems of theological thought, It knew how to maintain its unity in the middle of a great and enriching diversity.

Be that as it may, after twenty long centuries in which there have been some bitter disputes, unjust anathemas, unspeakable persecutions and wars between brothers, today They are the representatives of the so-called historic Churches who, with all the wisdom and authority, set the tone and show a model of dialogue aimed at full communion among the professed disciples of the Nazarene.

Those who follow ecumenical dialogue closely and participate in it, look at the different events with hope. Difficulties? All that can be imagined, internal and external, own and others. The greatest obstacle, of much greater weight than theological, liturgical or ecclesiological differences, is the sectarian spirit, the enemy of dialogues and conversations, who is really afraid of meeting the other and of being forced to acknowledge that it is not so different as it believed. Full communion among

Christians can only take place when there is a clear conception of what the Church is in the light of the New Testament.

The invisible breath of the Holy Spirit leads Us to communion and unity.

To God be the glory.



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At CEC-Masvidal we are working
to be able to develop projects in land of missions,
with the sending of human resources to impoverished countries
to make a direct service to the most needy.

This effort is not lost along the way:
the missionary who moves to a country of missions
provides spiritual, intellectual, technical and technological resources
and does it so in conditions of difficulty and great discomfort.

If you think your heart asks you to do mission
perhaps you are in a position to provide economic and material resources
to make it possible.

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