

# PRAYER SUPPORT LETTER FOR FRANCIS AND NATHALIE ARJONA

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"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows"

James 1:17

We are studying the epistle of James in our Thursday Bible studies. It's a lot to learn and apply in our lives, at both the personal and community levels!

This promise reminds us that **God doesn't change**, and that only good things come from Him. It's good to remember that when our circumstances are adverse.

## Nathalie :

"I thank God, because our children and grandson were able to spend some days here with us at the end of last year. It was the desire of my heart that we could be together, but I didn't think it was possible, especially because Samuel lives in Holland. But yes! Samuel came as a surprise—he managed to travel despite the restrictions. So we had a really nice time, and with grandson Caleb who is now 18 months old and is very funny.



Then came the super-wave of Covid cases in the village where we live, something like 8 cases per 100 people. We stayed at home; anyway, our town had a closed perimeter around it! Now the level of infections has decreased considerably, but we continue to not be able to leave Añora except for reasons of work or health. We thank God for having protected us until now, especially Sonia, who works for the local government. A lady who was our neighbor passed away last week...

So we work from home: tele-work, Zoom, Skype, etc. I go to the church office twice a week, where a few of us take turns so that there is only one person there at a time.

For two weeks, we have had Agustín at home, a young man who has finished his rehabilitation program at the Good Samaritan Center and has found work on a farm in our village, Añora. Just now he has found an apartment and is becoming more and more independent. It's great to see how God is opening doors for him, and to be able to form part of his reinsertion process.



Many of you have asked about my health; the truth is that I am quite well, I have oncological check-ups every six months, and at this moment, all is well. **Many thanks for your prayers!**



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**Francis :**

As pastor of the **Evangelical Church of Pozoblanco**, I am happy, because in the midst of tribulation, God's church is being built, and continues on its path. The meetings, via Zoom, have increased in attendance and in number (6 per week: women's meeting, two prayer meetings, Bible study, a children's meeting, and Sunday morning worship). We are discipling 11 people as they move toward being baptized. Peoples' giving continues, in spite of the crisis. We continue to support the project in Tambacounda, Senegal. And we are finishing up the work on our sanctuary with respect to equipment.



**In M4** we are continuing with new efforts both in Spain and other parts of Europe. At the European level, we continue to develop our strategy, and we believe we are on the correct path; we now have 17 countries involved. I have the honor of representing Spain in the European M4 movement. In Spain, we have held a well-attended meeting at the national level, with the La Plaza church-planting organization, promoting unity, vision to found new churches, enabling the new generation so that the Gospel may continue to be relevant and transforming in our society. We are working to develop M4 in several regions of Spain. <http://spain.m4europe.com>

**M4Ready** ( <https://www.m4ready.com/> ), is the “youth version” of M4—it is a training course in church planting for people between 18 and 30 years of age. 35 young people have started it this month. On the national team, we are all very encouraged, and I am even more so, because both Sonia (social media) and Samuel (promotional and training videos) form part of the team. Please pray for Miguel Castillo, the national leader of this fantastic team, and for the 8 mentors, of whom I am one, that we may properly attend to all the students.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnUOIb87pCQ&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnUOIb87pCQ&feature=emb_rel_end)



### **La Plaza:**

The (church) Planter's Plaza is a meeting place for all of us who are passionate about church planting. From this national platform, we seek to encourage unity among churches, to develop local and national vision, and to provide support for the mission with appropriate tools: mentoring, coaching, research, church planting systems, prayer and national encounters. I participate in that platform as a member of its board of directors. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhm9wkrn5AU>

Lastly, I want to share with you that as regards our financial support, we have “lost” some of our collaborators (who have either passed away or are no longer able to help us.) Please pray that God will raise up new supporters.

Also, I have decided to do a master's degree in coaching, and will start it in April. Please pray for the necessary funds.

**Many thanks to all of you for your support for God's work in our midst.  
Blessings!**

Francis y Nathalie