

# News and Prayer Requests from Peter & Barbara Jordan in Spain

#### October 2008



Dear friends,

In April 2007, at the ICS conference a verse of scripture jumped out of the page. Joshua 1:15 says 'You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest ... after that, you may go back and occupy your own land.' The time to plan for that has We expect to finish the project we are engaged in – exploring potential ministry in Catalunya but outside Barcelona - by the end of 2008. We will be preparing a report of this for the Bishop, St George's Chaplain and Council and the committee of St Stephen's, Madremanya. We are grateful for the expenses of the project being covered by the Diocese. We then hope to return to Merseyside (our own land) in January 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter. Please pray that we can discover which side of the Mersey the Lord wants us to be and we can find a local church where we can happily settle and belong in our retirement and in time contribute maybe with music, toddlers group etc. Any words of wisdom as this is a new experience for us would be very much appreciated. We will begin home hunting in November. Having discerned the area we will look for a small flat or bungalow near a railway station (Peter) and with somewhere to hang out the washing (Barbara)!

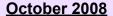
Meanwhile St George's continues to prosper and St Stephen's grows steadily and the home group at Tim and Anne's is our fellowship group for the present. Please pray for Pam (at L'Estartit) very keen to begin some outreach with local families; for the leaders of the two branches of the Royal British Legion and for the setting up of a core group to lead a potential congregation in the Roses area.

Family-wise things are really good – thank you for all your prayers for them. We pulled off the 'near impossible' and had a great time with all 18 of us in August near Bournemouth. Paul brought his girlfriend Lesley and then they surprised us all by getting married at Las Vegas in September on a trip to see his brother Mark Sid (the musician in LA)! She's a lovely young lady from the Wirral and we are delighted to welcome her to the family. Jordan began his new job in August and that is going well. Lisa's husband Pete is changing jobs in November to work in admin with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. On hearing the news of our soon to be imminent return to the UK our big grandchildren (now 15 and almost 17) belonging to Andrew and Helen said – 'Great – now we can have Sunday lunch with Grandma and Grandad again!'

So thank you for your prayers – please continue, especially for the new home.



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### Some dates in Peter's diary

Octo	ber
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23<sup>rd</sup> L'Estartit – meeting with Pam re. young families

24<sup>th</sup> Lloret – meeting RBL supporters and leaders from the two branches:

**Bob and Trevor** 

26<sup>th</sup> Worship at St Stephen's, Madremanya 27<sup>th</sup> Tim and Anne's homegroup at Calonge

28<sup>th</sup> Barcelona – meeting with friends Werner and Louise, to share and pray 29<sup>th</sup> Peter and Andrew (new Chaplain) to Reus (Tarragona) to meet with

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Revs Paul Needle, Sue Woodcock, and Rafa Arencon.

31st Alella – Blessing of Marriage Darren and Rachel

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> Villanova Blessing of Marriage – Joonas and Maria Jose

2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish group meeting as a home group – pray for future vision

3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Peter seeing medico's – cataracts (small) and skin complaint (not bad!)

5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Barb on Merseyside - new home hunting!

6<sup>th</sup> → Peter visiting potential key people in Roses area

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day with the RBL at Borassá (Figueres)

#### 20th November – 2nd December

Visiting son Mark and girl friend Melissa and her family in Los Angeles,

including celebrating Thanksgiving Day.

19<sup>th</sup> Roses Christmas Carols (our farewell there)

22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas and New Year in England! - first at Lisa's and then at

Jordan's.

#### January

1st Return to Barcelona to pack up flat?

Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2009

with our thanks and love

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