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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

"Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Psalm 91:3-4

After 6 months and without stopping working, following the health rules, we can praise the Lord who has protected our community from COVID-19. He has been our shield!

Dorcas Program

The pandemic has not stopped us from continuing to help families in need and especially with the return of their kids to school.

The Department of Social Services and Education of the Pozoblanco City Council, through the "Foundation La Caixa" and its Social work in Pozoblanco, has donated school bags equipped with school supplies for the children of families who need them.

The event took place in the Pozoblanco Town Hall on September 1.



Greenhouse

In our greenhouse we grow organic products for our own consumption, such as lettuce, peppers, strawberries, carrots, among others.

This space is also used for residents to perform occupational therapy activities.

Unfortunately, this summer two whirlwinds entered and destroyed it !

We need to restore the methacrylate roof, which was damaged, as soon as possible.



Support teams



Although the COVID-19 disease has not affected our community, the consequences of the pandemic reach us in a variety of ways.

This year, we were expecting the arrival of support teams such as "Coaches for Christ" from Northern Ireland, for the activities of prevention of addictions and the teaching of Christian values through sport, aimed at children from several villages in the Pedroches' Valley. Also, the group of Dutch volunteers who year after year (more than 14 years) support us with the olive harvest has been cancelled.

Pray for some projects that have had to be delayed also because of this situation.

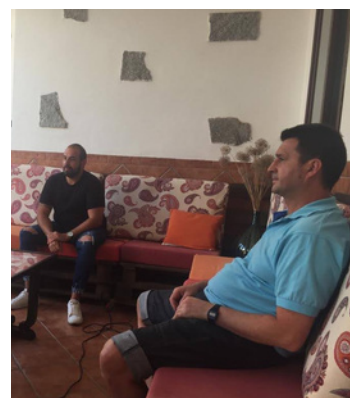
TV interview

Channel 54 in Pozoblanco conducted an interview with two men who told how their life was immersed in drugs, before joining El Buen Samaritano; how their life has been transformed during the program and in the case of David, who has finished it, how he is reintegrating himself back into society. Agustín, exposed part of his life project that he will carry out when the program ends.

Here are the links if you want to see the interviews (in Spanish) :

<https://youtu.be/t5qXDQVINRQ>

<https://youtu.be/Pb8JoJiT9ZI>



Maasai girls

Our entity acts as a channel for the economic support of a ministry to fight FGM (female genital mutilation) in Tanzania.

THE URGENCY OF THE MISSION TO RESCUE MAASAI GIRLS

"Schools in Tanzania were closed as a result of COVID-19, and the next day there were 85 girls at the doors of the Maasai rescue center.

After 3 months we could no longer feed so many girls, and we could not see the day when the schools would open again. The decision was made between Pastor Marko, as director of the center, and the district commissioner to take 60 girls back to their homes. They talked to all the parents personally about the fact that female genital mutilation was illegal, and Pastor Marko went to visit them every week to see that they were all right.

During this time of unprotection, Mary was raped by a boy from her village and is now 3 months pregnant. She had kept it all to herself out of shame. The boy confessed everything and is very sorry. The police are looking for him for this act, but he is hiding in the Savannah. Pastor Marko was almost put in prison for failing to protect all the girls they took in at the center, even though they were no longer under his protection.

The school year in Tanzania now ends in October, and it is very likely that 150 girls between the ages of 8 and 17 will come to them for help in avoiding FGM and early marriage. For now we have half of the money promised for the camp that will last from October 15th to January 1st. "

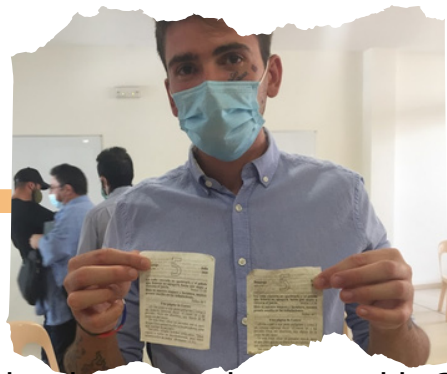


HOW DO YOU TELL A GIRL THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR HER IN THE CENTER JUST BECAUSE THERE IS NO MONEY TO FEED HER?

**IF YOU FEEL GOD IS CALLING YOU TO HELP:
you will be actively participating in the rescue of a life!**

IN THE CONCEPT OF YOUR DONATION PUT "**MAASAI GIRLS**"

Sergio



"This is the testimony of something awesome that happened to me with God and a court sentence I had to face.

I am at El Buen Samaritano in rehabilitation because I have a problem with drug addiction. I received a summons for a court case in Majorca; since I could not go, a video conference was requested in Cordoba. As that day arrived, which was postponed because of the Coronavirus, I prayed to the Lord every day for my freedom. I knew that I did not deserve it, because I was guilty, but I had repented of my sins. The day the "Decision" evangelism team came, in the morning after the devotional, I took the sheet of the "Good Seed" calendar and read that the Lord says: *Come to me all you who are tired and laboring and I will give you rest.*

I kept the sheet because I identified with this text, because of my concern about going to jail. Two days later, I went to the court with Rene, one of the therapists. I was worried that I might go to jail that day, since I was clearly guilty and was going to plead that way. Before I went in, Rene read me a verse on my cell phone, where he said that the Lord always goes before; I was a little surprised, with the part that the Lord goes before and just before I crossed the courthouse door my lawyer called me and told me that she had asked for a suspension of the penalty but that it was not a sure thing, that I would plead guilty, because that was the best thing.

I entered the trial and the judge asked me how I was going to plead, to which I replied, "Judge, I plead guilty". The judge handed down the penalty of 6 months in prison and 2 years without committing a crime. There I thought I was already going to prison, but the lawyer asked for a suspension of the penalty, the prosecutor and the judge agreed, and the judge said I could leave. I left the courthouse and I was so happy that I could only say: "Lord, it's really You, it's really You, I can't believe it, you're really good". Then Rene told me that this was the Lord's work; then I called my sister and she could not believe it because it was impossible and she said it had to be a miracle. As we returned to the center, I found the same page of the Good Seed that I had saved from Sunday, July 5, 2020, lying on the ground! "

Fundraising Campaign



buensam.org/collaborate.htm

We continue on with the publicity campaign, with the goal of finding new supporters to help sustain our organization. The governmental subsidies have gone down significantly in the last few years, almost to nothing. If you've not done yet, we encourage you to "become a friend" and to adopt an olive tree !



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP6rRCZGocl&feature=youtu.be>

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