



# PIZZOS TO SPAIN

October – December 2019

Dear Praying Brethren,

Let me first start this letter with an apology. I was delayed in getting it out last month and by the time I was able to finish writing it, waiting until the end of the year made more sense than sending it in the middle of December. Starting in 2020, I will resume sending out our updates every two months.

As with each passing mile, the danger and potential for disaster seem to increase, so more and more we see the Lord's hand of protection on us. David said in 2 Samuel 7:22, **"Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears."** We believe that it is no overstatement to say, "Thou art great!" While we were traveling in eastern Texas, we happened to witness a highspeed police chase. I say witness but, at one point, the vehicle being chased almost hit us head-on while trying to evade the police. Given the speeds at which the vehicles were traveling and the lack of any decent shoulder to drive on, had the Lord not intervened, I have no doubt that a serious accident would have occurred. The Lord has shielded our family more times than we can count, and we are continually awed by His hand working around and through us. We want to thank you especially for your prayers for the Lord to protect us while we travel. Your prayers have not gone unanswered.

Most of our meetings these past months have been in Texas with a few of them taking place in Tennessee and Arkansas. Having been in Southern Texas for some time, we had ample opportunity to practice our Spanish. *Practicing* a language often results in awkward and hilarious situations. An example of this happened in a church where I attempted to exercise my Spanish skills with one of the members. During the conversation, the man had asked me how old I was. Confident in my understanding of the question, I boldly answered in Spanish, "Twenty-seven." This response was obviously not the appropriate one and it instantly invoked a mixture of surprise and laughter. After the laughter died down (and my face became thoroughly flushed), I was informed that I had just told this man that we had twenty-seven kids! I had misunderstood his question about how many children we had, and the answer brought much amusement to the surrounding Spanish speakers.

By the grace of God, several churches have promised to take us on for support, bringing our confirmed support level to 65%. We also want to thank those churches and individuals for their extra monetary gifts during the month of December. They were a real help and blessing to our family and we feel humbled to know that you thought of us during the holidays. Thank you!

Before closing, we would like to let everyone know that we now know the gender of the upcoming addition to the Pizzo household. We are having a boy! We do covet your continued prayers for Anna and the baby. Thankfully, the pregnancy has gone well but, as the due date draws closer (March 1<sup>st</sup>), traveling to long-distance meetings is not as feasible. For now, we are back in Pensacola, FL and will be based here for the next several months. I am still going to our scheduled meetings but some of them will be without the rest of my family. Thank you for all your prayers and support throughout 2019! We are looking forward to what the Lord will do in 2020. **"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"**

Sincerely in His Service,

Justin, Anna, and Catalina Pizzo

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