

Mallorca, March 2010

Dear friends,

Easter is fast approaching and with it the Mallorcan snow is finally melting. Yes, you read correctly! We had snow here this winter. It even settled one day in our village, but remains on the mountains. As in other parts of Europe, it has been one of the coldest winters on record, the one when world leaders met to discuss global warming. But, just as we have been attempting to keep our flat warm, so we have been working to move forward on the various fronts of our ministry.



Even at sea level we had a scattering!



Supporters and friends at Pip 'n Jay, Bristol

again soon, but let us know if you *would* like us to come to a venue near you in the next year or two.

Just to keep you up to date with the Lozadas, who were on the tour, they are now in the middle of their Cartagena outreach, where they are seeing hundreds of people virtually queuing up to be saved at the end of meetings. After a first week of ministry in the city, the second week will be on the island of Tierra Bomba, where they are planting a church and running the Peter's Net fishing boat project. Let us know if you would like more news from them. Likewise, if you want more news from Terry and Lidia, in Romania, don't hesitate to ask or go to their news on www.oaci.org

TIME FOR EUROPE For those of you who missed us during the tour in the autumn, the meetings went well, with an excellent programme of reports and projects around the world. Especially featured were Romania and Colombia, but we took a good look back at ministry across Europe, with special emphasis on the ministry of Korky and Anni Davey over the past 30 years. Other reports included exciting developments both at home, such as Bristol and on the distant shores of the Bosphorus. Pity that more could not get to the meetings. Due to the lack of attendance, we doubt if we will attempt similar events



Farid has spoken over 3 days to all 400 kids at the Tierra Bomba school

WEB The new look for PrayforSpain is taking its time, but Mark and colleagues are hard at work on the 'engine', which will first power the relaunch of St Pixels at Easter. Meanwhile, we have continued to work on keeping up-to-date the news from the Spanish churches and other issues of interest to Christians around the world. It gets well over 100 visits a day on average. We are now looking towards the summer for relaunch. Again, we long for more contributors to the site. If you have suggestions, what you'd like to see, what to remove, etc., don't hesitate to drop us a line!

OAC ministry is encouraging around the world. The gospel is being preached in many lands and the work is being strengthened in many of our branches. New is the work in Kenya, currently part of our 'European' zone until there are two or more autonomous works in Africa. Across the oceans the Latin American zone is growing and very encouraging. Do take a look at the OACI web to catch up on happenings and click on [the link to our OACI 2010 update \(pdf\)](http://the link to our OACI 2010 update (pdf)).

My own part in OAC is mainly administrative, with the zone conference, the web site and a new email project on my desk. So it is particularly encouraging when I get the opportunity to get out with a board to preach or teach. In May we have our first **SEMINAR** in the Barcelona area for a good number of

years. That is a great excitement! I am glad that I'm not alone in Spain, as Ken Barrett is continuing to preach weekly in Madrid, along side the [Red Box team](#). (Sorry, his messages on this link were preached in Bristol and Bath!) He also has other opportunities, such as a seminar this month in Valencia and a recent ministry trip to Peru and Brazil, where he ran a week seminar in open air work, using OAC and Red Box materials. Read about it [on his blog!](#)

PRO-LIFE During the autumn tour we visited Image in Manchester, a crisis pregnancy counseling ministry. The Lord is leading the way. Hilde was very encouraged by what she learnt there and, with news of a special gift of €1000,00 signed up for an introductory training course spread over five Saturdays from January to May - plus lots of reading and written homework! The course days are hard work, what with all the travel, but it's worth it. She is now over half way through the course and is learning a lot. The link with the Spanish medical ministry [+QS](#) is strengthening and we hope that once the course is over Hilde will have time to prepare awareness-raising material. Meanwhile, the Spanish parliament has passed new legislation permitting free abortions up to 14 weeks. Pray for people to join the team here in Mallorca and around Spain.

CHURCH Local activity also keeps us both busy. In addition to leading the English speaking home group and co-leading the Spanish speaking group in our area, we have also been asked to support a new church plant in El Arenal, Mallorca's prime resort, second only to Magaluf for English speakers and first for Germans. But behind the hotels live many migrant workers from Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa, involved in the tourist and building industries - or currently unemployed due to the building crisis and winter off-season. Many of these really struggle to keep their families fed and housed, but are far more open to the gospel than the better settled Spaniards and especially the Mallorcan 'natives'. So our church plant is full of migrants, with only one Brit and one German between them! However, this could change with your prayer as we start to take the gospel out onto the sea front on Saturday evenings from the spring. Pray with us for opportunities to reach all sorts, locals, migrant workers and holiday makers. Meanwhile, the Sunday morning meetings are already over half filling the building (seating perhaps 55) that we have rented, while the mother church is again full.

Village life is very quiet in winter, well for us at least. We are in touch with a number of people, but only a few more than the occasional greeting in the street. Hilde couldn't go back to teaching the Moroccan kids this winter, as they had to go to the 'mosque' for arabic-islamic classes, instead of to the rectory for extra Catalan, Spanish, English, Maths and everything else. So she is currently doing a language exchange with one of the other teachers, a former headmistress of the village school. We continue to pray concerning buying a home locally, but asking prices for the properties which interest us are still 50% above those the housing ministry claims are actually being achieved, so it seems the owners are in no hurry to sell, unless a millionaire just must buy!

Thank you for your prayer. It is much appreciated. If you swap prayer letters with us, be sure to know we are praying for you regularly!

much love from us both, Chris & Hilde

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Reminder: support is now being handled by OAC (West Country). Please send cheques to Korky Davey for OAC, with a note on the back that it's for us, to: 20, St. Hilary Close, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1DA
THANK YOU! More information (direct debits/ standing orders/ gift aid...) on request.