

Congregation in Gijon



Branch Sunday school near Barcelona



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Application was made to the government for a permit to hold services, but the permit was never granted, and the hall was closed. Upon hearing of the plight of this congregation, a Spanish pastor of another denomination offered the use of his church on nights of the week that he was not conducting services. Although this arrangement was not ideal because our believers were not free to worship in Pentecostal fashion, our congregation met in this borrowed church for over two years. Under the direction of Ruth Weitkamp a Sunday school convention, a Teacher's Training course, and two Vacation Bible Schools were held. A number were saved and filled with the Spirit during this time and two outstations were opened. Catholic Action opposition forced the closing of these outstations, but not before one of them had a Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 83.

When the McIntyres returned to Barcelona after two years of ministry in Tangier, North Africa, and in southern Spain, they found that most of the believers had remained true to the Lord. The people had not ceased to pray that some day they would have their own place of worship. Then God graciously provided a small brick building which seats about eighty people. Since the opening service of this Assemblies of God church in October, 1957, many have sought salvation, a number have followed the Lord in water baptism, and several have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A branch Sunday school has been organized fifteen miles south of Barcelona.

RADIO MINISTRY

In 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeter transferred from Cuba to Spain. One year later they moved to Tangier, North Africa, in order to engage in radio work. In the five years of their radio ministry thousands of Spanish families heard about salvation in Christ. There were many definite conversions. Letters received indicated complete coverage of the Spanish mainland, and the Balearic and Canary Islands by the Tangier transmitters.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSIONARIES IN SPAIN

The Roy Daltons, the Kenneth McIntyres, and Miss Ruth Weitkamp have served in Spain for some years. Miss Trella Hall, formerly a missionary to Colombia, South America, is transferring to Spain.

THE CHALLENGE OF SPAIN

Of 35,000 towns and villages in Spain, less than 200 have a Protestant church. Entire provinces are without even one Protestant place of worship. Only 30,000 out of a population of 30,000,000 (onetenth of one per cent) are Protestants, and of these only 14,000 are Evangelicals. A number of Protestant churches are closed.

There is spiritual hunger in Spain but the fear of being reported for attending a Protestant service overrules this hunger and hinders many from accepting the gospel.

Missionaries and Evangelicals in Spain need the spiritual undergirding of our prayers.