



Villalba Family

Hello, my friends! It has been a while since we have written directly to you. We have published many different things on different social media, but we know that that is not the same. We want to tell you all that the Lord has been doing in our lives, and the truth is that it is a lot!!

But before anything, we want to thank those of you who continue at our side. Thanks for the prayers, the messages that you send, for the encouragement, and for the support that you give. We are very thankful. Thanks to you who help us we can continue working in this precious ministry in which we are delighted to move forward. Thank you again! Thank you for continuing to have confidence in us. For our part, we want to tell you that we plan to take maximum advantage of the time in the ministry, knowing that the money that we have is not ours, rather that the Lord gifts it to us through you.

As you can see in the pictures, we are already entering the age of having more experience (which is not to say that we are getting old- ha!). Our children also have gotten older and each has a boy/girlfriend. Laura became engaged a few months ago and will get married on the 10th of September. Miquel is still dating his girlfriend Laia and for now, they are not talking of marriage (better, since we enjoy having our son at home with us!). The Lord is taking good care of us. We still have our parents with us- mine as well as Yoli's, although they now have many health problems. My father still goes up to L'Arcada to work with me even though he is already 88 years old. I am very happy that he can be with me. He is a great example for many young people as they see him working at the camp.

Thanks to the Lord we have been able to move to a different house. We still live in Banyoles very near to where we were living before. We found a house with a little garden at a very good price and set up for the elderly. Thinking that the family might be able to spend time with us, we decided to buy it. We sold the apartment in which we lived and we are happy. We have already used the house many times to house missionaries when they come through and to have young people from the church and L'Arcada meet here. It is a blessing that the Lord has given us!

There have been many changes since we started in the ministry. When we began there were many people working, but little by little for different reasons they have gone to work in other ministries. Three years ago, the director resigned and the board of L'Arcada decided to make Jordi and me codirectors. We spend nearly a year and a half waiting for the Lord to find a new director, and meanwhile, it was decided that an executive committee in which 4 people would work together. Finally, four months ago the new director, Anna Romeu, was chosen. She is a woman with great experience in the workforce and in the camp. Last year Jordi and Bern also decided to expand into another position with GEM. So now only 5 1/2 remain-Yoli being the 1/2! Youli with the help of several people is taking in the registrations of the camps with a new computer program. It is a challenge.

This past year was one with many challenges with Covid-19, quarantines, security, and disinfection measures every day. Thanks to the Lord's help we were able to do almost all the camps and had some with a waiting list. We also were able to make a new swimming pool about 45X30 feet. And with all this water, which was required by the fire department, we passed many inspections in order to legalize the cabins. We also were able to legalize and fix the big tent and celebrate the 30 year anniversary of L'Arcada! Some photos will show you what has been done:

Swimming Pool:



Tent:



Bathhouse:

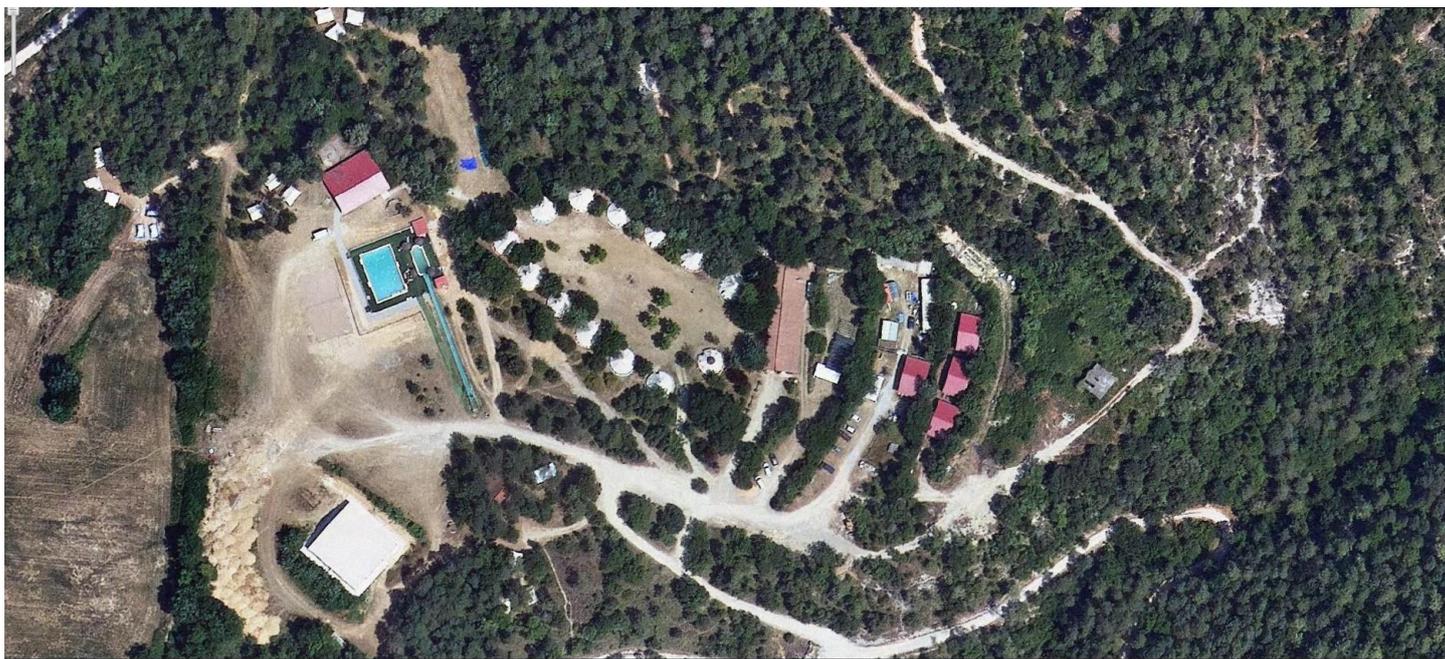


And more:



As you can see, after a lot of work, the epidemic, and problems, the Lord is helping and blessing. We are very happy with how the Lord takes care and protects us each day. To Him be the honor and the glory!

Again, many thanks for being part of our ministry. Without you we could not do it!



Our new address is:

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I have also changed my email (although I still use the old one) but this is the official one for day-to-day work at L'Arcada.

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In case you want to ask us anything.

Rafa , Yoli, Laura y Miquel.