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### **Answer the prayer**

From time to time I have been praying for Spain and praised God that He answered my prayer. Many people asked me a question is “How did you contact with Spanish Deaf people?” Now I can answer them. Several years ago the Spanish Deaf Christians couple, called David and Estrella Rolden Cintas, went to Romania for Joni Eareckson Tada’s conference and there were many disabled people came along. There were some interpreters for Deaf group. American woman gave some addresses of Christians in Europe to David and Estrella. Then David wrote to me and I answered him and we continued correspondences. During the Easter of 1999, they have visited Leicester but they missed us because we were in Germany but they still went to our hearing church in the morning, where we used her room for our Deaf Service in the afternoon (but that time the service was closed.) The hearing lady informed them about International Conference for Deaf Christians in Estonia. They gladly booked the International conference with other Christians. We

met them for the first time and had a nice time of fellowship and kept in contact by faxes and emails.

### **Deaf families**

David Roldan Cintas, a leader of Deaf group, invited us to Deaf Camp for the weekend outside of Madrid. We flew to Barcelona three days earlier because we wanted to learn Spanish Sign Language where we stayed at David and Estrella’s flat. We met their relatives who are Deaf too so we could talk more with signs. David’s sister Rut who is hearing and also a super interpreter for Deaf people in her church helped me my English sermons translated into Spanish and being ready for Overhead Protector. On Wednesday night we went to David’s Deaf brother’s big flat for the prayer meeting. After that they gave me surprise with a lovely cake for my birthday. It was wonderful for me to have my birthday in Spain and my heart rejoiced to see Deaf love Jesus.

### **God protected us from accident**

There were two minibuses and three cars driving from Barcelona to Madrid which took 8 hours included a break for food. We were in one of 2 minibuses. Two hours later suddenly the tyre was burst in the middle tunnel at the same time I put my hand up to God for help because it was dangerous place and heavy traffic so we put our minibus close against the wall for our safety. We waited for RAC man who took us all out of tunnel and changed the tyre. We arrived at the camp at 5 am next morning and were very tired at the same time we praised God for protection. Next day Deaf people, from different places in Spain, rejoiced to see us and had a lovely fellowship together. It was good to see some lovely hearing Christians who want to learn their interpreting in their different churches.

### **About 80 Christians in Spain**

By the grace of God I was able to preach the Word of God without the interpreter, for Deaf understood so well altogether some hearing people needed an interpreter! They were so interesting to watch and listen to God’s Word. After the first meeting we were so thrilled to see a lovely Deaf woman accepted Jesus as her Saviour. It was big different culture for us – why? – Because the dinner started at 8:30 pm and the meeting at 10 pm and finished around 12 midnight. We were told that there are 80 Deaf Christians (approx) in Spain. Some of them will come to European Deaf Christian Conference in Denmark next year.

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