





We write to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year, as well to give you an update on our lives in 2024! This year brings to a close a long and adventurous chapter of our lives spent in England since February 2015.

The year began with our Classical School project not succeeding, leaving us unsure of our purpose in England and next steps for our family. It was in the late spring that we received some news that meant we should consider moving back to the States, and would cause Felipe to apply for a position in Buffalo, NY. We waited to see what God's plans were for us.

In the summer, we suffered a great loss of Felipe's best friend, James, which prompted the entire family to go to the USA for his funeral. It was a time of blessing being with friends and family in June. After returning to England, we started to see a boom in new visitors and attendance at our little church, Victory Chapel, which we started in 2020. By the end of the summer, we experienced another sudden boom in enrolment for our Home Education Community, St Alban's Grammar, doubling our community from 10 students to more than 20 students! We were being pulled in two different directions from obligations in the USA and our ministry in the UK. Into the Autumn, God finally made things clear by giving Felipe an even better job than the one he applied for in New York, allowing us to move closer to parents and be able to care for them.

From October of this year, we announced our plans to leave England and have been busy making sure both Victory Chapel and St Alban's Grammar will continue after we leave. God raised up a godly family within the church to take over the role of vicar, and the father of the family was ordained in December as Deacon! Felipe was also collated as a Canon in the AMC Diocese on the same day. His title is now the Reverend Canon Dr Felipe Sediles. Lillian finished her last concert after 9 years as Musical Director of the New Music Makers, and gave her final vocal solo performance in England at a Handel's Messiah Singalong Concert put on by Victory Chapel.

As for the children, there are mixed feelings from Lavinia (age 10), who is old enough to truly understand what's happening, whilst Ignatius (7), Augustine (4), and Lucilla (2), are happy with the thought of having more land and possibly owning dogs in the USA. Felipe still intends to visit England every 3-4 months whilst Lillian continues home educating the children. We fly out of the UK on 10th January, 2025-please pray for safe travels and for our shipping container to arrive safely.

We look forward to seeing many of you in America more now as we return, and look forward to warmly welcoming all of you in the UK to visit us in the US in the years to come.

