



# The Stanleys

Reaching the people of Spain  
with the Gospel of Christ

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1 Timothy 6:6-8 – *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

It has been a whirlwind the last few months! We have now officially lived in Spain for a little over 2 months, and we are so very grateful that God has brought us here. Praise the Lord, we received our shipping container, and we have been able to completely unpack. We started language school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, and we finished a grand total of two weeks of language school before they closed the school down due to the Coronavirus.

I have to be honest. I did not have a single day, since we arrived in Spain, that I missed anything about the States until we were quarantined to our house. We have been so busy that it did not give us much time to think about it. However, over the last couple of weeks, I have been a little discouraged. I have felt that we are not doing anything. We moved to Spain to work for God, and now we are just sitting here.

However, I was able to read these verses, and God spoke to me. He helped me realize, yet again, all that He has done and is doing in our lives. Since our first child was born, we have not had a time that it has been just **our family**. I have so enjoyed getting to spend this time with my beautiful wife and our wonderful kids. We have been able to play with our son and watch the twins grow so much, even in just three weeks.

Praise the Lord, we have been able to hold services via livestream, and every week it seems that we reach more people than are even faithfully attending the church currently. We are so excited and asking God to use this in a mighty way to reach many with the Gospel.

We have also had the opportunity to send several videos back to supporting churches and are grateful to have the opportunity to communicate with so many people and churches. We were able to present and preach for a conference in Oklahoma via video conference. I enjoyed that wonderful church, and I am grateful for the new experience. Also, we have been able to communicate back and forth with a teen group from one of our churches in Arkansas. We have been able to send videos every week, and we were able to join a video conference call with them. It has been so much fun, and we look forward to the opportunity to do that again.

We were supposed to be able to pick up our residency cards on March 16<sup>th</sup>, but that has been postponed while everything is closed. Lord willing, as soon as everything opens up, we can go pick up our cards. We were also able to start language school back this week via video conference. We are asking God to help us with our language during this time.

We are ready for this situation to pass, but during this time we are content with where God has us. Thankfully, He allowed us to come to Spain before everything was locked down. He has given us a wonderful home and an amazing church. We are enjoying our time with our children, and we are eternally thankful that He has kept us safe and healthy.

Please pray with us that we will stay healthy and that God will use this time for His honor and glory. We are praying for all of you, and we want you to know how much we appreciate everything you do for us, especially during these uncertain times. We love you! Please let us know if you would like a video update sent. We would be happy to send that to you! Praise God, we know that He is in control!

In His Service,

Jason, Jessica, Colton, Megan & Madison Stanley

*And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. Ephesians 6:19-20*

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