



MISSIONARIES TO SPAIN

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1 Peter 2:9 – *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:*

Today is a year since we arrived in Spain. It is hard to imagine, but it is officially here. I still remember being in the airport preparing to go. I remember how excited I was to finally be going to Spain: the place the Lord called us to serve Him. I clearly had no idea what to expect, but I was eager to get there.

This year has certainly not been the easiest year to move to a new country. I'm sure that all other missionaries that were blessed to go to the field this year would agree. We have yet to understand what is normal here in Spain. Everything has been so strange, and I believe the culture has been affected.

However, I know that God works everything out in His timing. If we had not arrived at the exact time we did, we could have had far more troubles getting into the country. I want to praise God for knowing exactly what He is doing all of the time!

However, through all that has happened, we have seen God's mighty hand work in so many ways! Our church was able to see 4 people saved this year. We had our first baptism. We celebrated the first anniversary of the church. Including ourselves, nine people joined the church this year. We also were able to host our first missions conference and are currently supporting two missionaries in other countries to help spread the gospel throughout the world. On top of all of this, and even with the restrictions we face because of the coronavirus, we have visitors in our church on a very regular basis. Praise God!

Although, we still have a LONG way to go, the Lord has blessed us tremendously with our Spanish. There are days that Jessica and I are so frustrated because we feel we cannot understand anything, but we were just talking about how we feel the Lord has allowed us to become comfortable being out in our city. We are praying that we take many steps forward with the language in the year ahead.

We have watched what seemed like three small babies grow into three incredibly sweet children. We have absolutely loved getting to watch them grow and enjoy where God has placed us. We pray every day that as soon as they are able to understand that they will accept Christ as Saviour.

If I am being honest, this has not been the easiest week for Jessica and I. However, we take comfort in knowing that God chose us. He chose us to come to this wonderful country and show His praises to the people! God saved us! He rescued us from that terrible place called Hell. He gave us a wonderful gift. Although we will never be able to repay Him, Jessica and I have vowed to do our best serving God with our lives. We want to see Him do many mighty works here in Spain.

In closing, I quickly want to say thank you. Thank you for prayers! We would not be able to serve the Lord without knowing that we have the support of every single one of you. Thank you for your financial support! God has used you to bless our family in a miraculous way. Thank you for your faithfulness! This was our first year on the field, and you were there for us every single month. We love you all, and you mean more to us than you could ever know.

In His Service,
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