



Brenda's Birthday Month ,7th

Greetings Prayer Warriors,

October 2022

“Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.” (Psalms 27:14)

Our first full month in Spain and we have relied on this verse many times over. We understood that the process to attain housing, banking and legal status would be challenging, but nevertheless it has been truly waiting on God to open the doors. We are very thankful to all the wonderful people that God has put in our lives to help with these transitions.

As we stated in the last letter, the first of September was a whirlwind of activity. Finishing all we could at the missions house, getting the pallets loaded and ready, getting all our necessities packed up and ready to fly. The morning at the airport was exciting and emotionally difficult. We were very thankful for our two oldest and their spouses for all their help and love!

When we arrived, the airport was an easy experience with the exception of not picking up one of our check bags. This caused some delay in leaving the airport, and also caused us to go back to pick it up the next day. We dropped off our luggage at the Velasquez home and then headed straight to church. It was tough on everyone, but the people were so kind and welcoming.

The next day we took Bro and Mrs. Velasquez to the airport to leave for a 4 month furlough. They have blessed us with letting us use their apartment and vehicle while we are looking for a home. The members of the church have been extremely helpful. Talking to realtors, helping with groceries, cell phone service and so much more. They laugh at our broken Spanish and try out their English on us, it is a marvellous exchange. The phrase we have heard the most is “poco a poco” which means little by little. We will not understand everything immediately but by God’s grace and time we will get it.

September we celebrated Andrew’s birthday. The normal things we do were changed a bit, but he enjoyed his day. Two teen boys took him out on the Saturday after and bought him lunch for his birthday. This was awesome to see the beginnings of great friendships to come!

Larry was able to get his appointment for his “Tarjeta de identidad de Extranjero” or TIE. This is the Foreigner ID card and is necessary for those who are living in Spain for more than six months. All went well, now we must wait 40 days to pick up the actual card. We also have appointments for everyone else in October and November. Covid had changed how they setup appointments now, it is all online and the process is tough. Millions of people trying to get appointments makes getting it done quickly almost impossible.

We have been learning our area. Walking to the nearest grocery stores, they are beginning to recognize us, walking to the church to help with the new building. Going to the parks, riding the trains, going to the malls, just trying to get around the people to learn more about them, and more importantly to hear the language. God truly has been wonderful to us.

Prayers: We have looked at two places, one looks very promising, pray all the paperwork is approved. For the new church building to be completed. For shipping of our household when we find a home. For Nathan and Sarah they will be visiting us in November. For Jereme and Cynthia, our first grandchild is due in May of next year!!

Praise: During all the difficulties we faced on deputation, with the outbreak and all that caused, we did not have any churches drop our support. All Praise belongs to God!! Thank you all for your faithfulness to our family. We are looking forward to many souls added to your accounts!

Your missionaries in Spain,
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