

The WRITSEL To SPAIN Family



Greetings to our Supporting Churches, Family and Friends, January 2025

We would like to thank everyone who has been praying and supporting us throughout this past year. We have seen many answers to prayers and blessings from God that we did not expect. God has used every one of you to strengthen us, and lift us up during our times of need. For all of this we, as a family, are forever grateful. God has used your time, your support, and your prayers in our lives. May we continue to partner together and see God work in this coming year.

Ministry Update:

December was a super busy month. God's blessings were abounding. So here we go: We began by taking our children to a Missionary Teen Retreat (MTR). They were there for 7 days. While they were there, Brenda and I went to Leon, a city that is in the northwest area of Spain, and surveyed the area for a potential church plant, more on this later. I preached on the 18th about "What is our gift to Jesus?", which God used to touch hearts. We then had our first Christmas program on the 24th. We had three groups sing specials, the small children, the youth, and the men. We were all blessed by these specials. I was given the privilege to speak during this service, and I asked this question "What is the greatest story ever told?". This allowed for the story of our Lord and Saviour to be presented again to all those that were visiting and to our faithful. God used this message to open up hearts for the sharing of the gospel to all who are around them. We then had our first Watch night service on the 31st. Pastor Jhorddy brought the message, encouraging everyone to share the gospel. We had fellowship until we brought in the new year as a church family. We have seen the church grow exponentially and are excited to celebrate our First Year Anniversary on Jan 12th. We are praying for 25 visitors and for people to be saved.

Family update:

Now let me give more details about some things. The MTR was a huge blessing for Andrew and Lily. There were many new faces there. Let me explain this a bit more, this is a camp for European missionary teens, ages 14 to 19, to help with connecting them with other MK's in Europe. This is my children's second time to attend. They were able to be a help and a blessing to some of those who were struggling with being left out in their countries. Many of these teens are in areas that are very stressful and can sometimes be dangerous. This camp is a wonderful blessing. It is located in Northern Spain, a very tranquil farmhouse on the side of a mountain. We thank the Bonikowsky family for all the work that goes into this.

Elisabeth finished her first semester and arrived home on the 23rd. We were very happy to have her home, and she stepped up and helped in the special singing and teaching in the church. She is happy to be home, but longs to be back at school with her new found friends. She will return to Romania in Feb for the second semester.

The survey trip to Leon was amazing. We walked around the central area of the city for many hours, we drove around the city to the other small towns, and fell in love with this area. We also met with a family that is looking to help with a Baptist church plant in this area. With all this, ***we believe God is calling us to Leon.*** We still need our visas to be renewed. We need to have valid residency cards to rent a home, setup utilities, etc. God is working many things out, and we have no doubt that His timing is perfect. Please continue to pray for this.

We will be traveling to the US in May for Andrew's graduation. We will be there for a little over a month or less, depending on the cost of flights. We are excited for this, and also excited to visit with our family, children, and grandchildren. Please pray all is taken care of and we have no issues with these travels.

Prayers:

Visas renewed; Leon (for open doors to share the gospel); Andrew choosing a college; Elisabeth and college; Lily with one more year of high school; Language learning; More Laborers in Spain!!

Praises:

We had 2 missionary families visit us this past year, and a supporting Pastor and his family. We will have another supporting Pastor and his wife here with us this coming year.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

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