

# The WRITSEL To SPAIN Family



Dear Pastors, Family and Friends,

June 2024

**“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” (Philippians 1:3-6)**

All we can say is Praise God! So many blessings to speak of but not a lot of space, so we will try and get a little bit of everything. Here we go!

I was blessed to preach the first Sunday of the month. For Spain, this was Mother's day, so I preached on Hannah and Timothy's mom and grandma. We had a great service, and one of the couples brought their mom and sister. Both were blessed by the message, and have returned to several services since. God used this message to speak to the ladies in the church.

The next weekend we had our annual young people meeting in Guadalajara. This is where the church camp is located. There were over 100 young people in attendance and several churches represented. We had 7 young people from the church in Fuenlabrada. The messages were great and the fellowship was wonderful. I was able to have truly meaningful conversations with several of the Pastors at this meeting. We are all understanding the language more and more everyday.

Also during this weekend, there was a Ladies meeting in Coslada. There were 6 ladies that attended from the church in Fuenlabrada. They were blessed with a testimony from the pastor's mother. They had a blessed time. Our first few months in Spain, we helped pass out flyers for this work, we are encouraged by their constant growth and fellowship.

We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary on May 14th. We were blessed to go and spend a night away in Toledo which is only 35 minutes from our home. It was nice to travel stress free. We walked around the city and enjoyed our time together.

The following week we surprised our children with a Pixar exhibit. They enjoyed acting out some of their favorite movies. We had a great time acting like toys in the Toy Story room. Great family fun.

Our BIMI European field conference was also this week. We flew out on Tuesday, May 21 to Zagreb, Croatia. Beautiful city and surroundings. Our plane was late so we missed the opening night of the conference. The next day we arrived at the amazing hotel for the morning sessions. Dr. Jeff Amsbaugh preached and encouraged everyone that was there. This was the largest group of European missionaries that has attended a conference. Bro Hembree, our director, was very emotional and blessed by the turn out. We caught up with some missionaries we had met on deputation, and met many more for the first time. We needed this time of fellowship and preaching. Although the different location caused us some allergy issues, everyone was blessed.

To finish the month we always have our monthly celebration dinner. We had a guest preacher for this one, Pastor Marcos. He is the pastor of the church in Azuqueca. We had 40 people in attendance!! This is not normal for a new work in Spain, but we know that God can change what others think is normal. We are blessed to have a part to play in this new work, and look forward to God's leading when the time comes for us to start a new church. Please pray for God to show us where he wants us.

**Prayers:** Brenda will travel to the US at the end of June to help Sarah, Elisabeth will be traveling to Kenya in June, Andrew and Lily are finishing up school and camps are starting up in July, for me, this will be the first year as a counsellor at summer camp. Language learning, Visa renewal (Slow processing)

**Special Blessings:** Nathan was called to Pastor a church in MO! Their first official service was May 26th. We are so proud of him and Sarah. The baby is due in July!! Pray for them as they settle in. Also, Harrison turned 1 on May 24th. So proud of Jereme and Cynthia, keep serving!

God is so good! Our cup is full and running over!

Your Missionaries in Spain, The Writsel Family

**GOD IS FAITHFUL, BY WHOM YE WERE CALLED UNTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD (1 CORINTHIANS 1:9).**

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