

The WRITESSEL To SPAIN Family

Birthday Month: Brenda Oct 7th



Dear Pastors, Family and Friends,

October 2024

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” (Philippians 4:11)

The month of September was a crazy whirlwind. We dropped of Elisabeth in Romania for college. We took advantage of a 22 hr layover in Paris on the way home. We started Sunday school classes at the church. We had youth meetings, men’s meetings, marriage workshop, and a milestone birthday for Andrew, who is now 18. It has been wonderfully busy and exhausting at times. But in all of this, we are content in where God has us. This is the key to living our lives serving God, be content. It is not some special super power bestowed upon missionaries on a foreign field. This is a place that every Christian can be, if we would just relinquish control of our lives, and ask God to guide us. Whatever the path may be, God is the best guide. We love serving God.

Family:

Elisabeth is in Romania! She is attending The Baptist College International, a bible college that was started many years ago for the Romanians who wanted to study more about the bible. It has since changed into an English bible college, helping the Europeans Missionary Kids (MK’s) who want to attend bible college, but are content with being in Europe. She learned of this college during our European Field Conference last May. She is doing great. Please pray for her and her studies. She is learning some Romanian, she attends the church that is on property and it is only Romanian, which is helping her when they go out on visitation.

Andrew and Lily are doing great. Andrew celebrated his birthday on the 25th. He has been leading the singing on Wed nights at the church. He enjoys being a blessing to the church. God is working on his heart about where to go for college after he graduates in May next year, so please pray with him about this. Lily is working hard on her schooling. She has been a great help at the church with music also. She plays her cello every Sunday, and has played piano for the congregation a few times on Wed nights. Both of them are doing very well musically, God has blessed them both with a talent for music.

Brenda and I are also doing well. Brenda has attended several ladies meetings around our area. Her Spanish is improving everyday, yet we both feel like our Spanish goes forward and then backward sometimes. Everyone is very helpful and encouraging. The people love to hear us speak their language. They have so many questions for us and we get to know each other more and more as we learn more of the language. I have had the opportunity to preach on Sundays and Wednesdays. I am still reading most of the time, but it is helping me become more comfortable speaking the language. But this does not always go well. A few Wednesdays back, I was looking at my sermon and a number needed to be said. 15. In Spanish this is “quince”, but my mind and my mouth said “diesycinco”. The congregation chuckled a bit, I did not understand why until my lovely bride told me what I did. All I could do was laugh. Language learning sometimes requires laughing at yourself.

Ministry:

The Fuenlabrada Bible Baptist Church, Iglesia Biblica Bautista de Fuenlabrada, is growing and growing. The church started Sunday school on the first Sunday of September. Pastor Jhorrdy is teaching on the fundamentals of the faith, beginning with the bible. The children’s classes were being taught by Elisabeth, so others have had to step up and help. Many ladies in the church are doing just that. We are still praying for more chairs, we need about 20 more chairs, and we are praying about a larger location. It is a blessing to have these challenges, so we know God will provide. We will begin discipleship training again in October. As of right now, the church has seen 8 people get saved and 6 baptized! The church is ten months old in October. There are many activities scheduled for the last quarter of the year. Please pray for the church and its people.

Prayer:

We are taking a survey trip in December to Leon, Spain, to see if this is where God wants a new church plant. We will keep you posted on this. Also, we are praying that God will provide us with more supporting churches. As the dollar becomes less the euro gains strength and this drastically reduces our funds here in Spain. Pray with us about this please.

Praise:

Nathan, Sarah and Vanessa are doing great in Missouri. Jereme, Cynthia, and Harrison are doing wonderfully in Alabama. God is blessing all around!!

Your Missionaries in Spain, The Writesel Family

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