



June – July 2023

Dear Praying Brethren,

The past two months have been a period of marking some milestones both in our personal life and in the ministry. **First, July 5th marked our first anniversary of arriving in Spain.** The time has sped past us, and looking back, and it is difficult to believe that one year has already come and gone. God has been good! We also had the privilege to celebrate the church's sixth anniversary with them. Although we have been with them for only one year, it was a blessing to rejoice together for all the Lord has done.

We have both praises and prayers concerning our visa renewals. There have been unexpected expenses in getting our visas renewed, and the generosity of some of our supporting churches helped cover nearly all the unforeseen costs. We want to thank those who gave over and above this past month. The Lord has truly used your generosity!

While gathering paperwork, we discovered the need for a notarized letter from our sponsors, Bro. & Sis. Loveday. The timing was critical, but getting it notarized typically involves multiple trips to and from the notary office—however, Bro. Loveday went to the office and received it notarized in just ten minutes. Simultaneously, a member of a supporting church emailed us, saying he had just prayed for us. Prayer works! **Now, our visa renewal is being processed. Please pray for its smooth and quick acceptance.**

In June, I preached in Spanish for the first time. The message took a lot of effort to prepare and was fraught with mistakes. However, the church here in Castellar has been very patient and gracious as we learn the language, for which we are incredibly grateful. Since moving here, Anna and I have logged over three hundred hours of Spanish study. There is still much to learn, and we ask for your continued prayers for our language studies.

Also, during June, we had the chance to visit a church in the Hebron Valle neighborhood of Barcelona. This church has a strong and long-standing relationship with the church and **Pastor Campos**, with whom we are working. **Pastor Josue Valcarcel** kindly invited our family to a Sunday service, during which I had the privilege to preach in English, with him translating. It was an encouraging time of fellowship, and we enjoyed the sweet spirit of the church and brethren.

Every month, the church volunteers at a mission in downtown Barcelona, providing meals and a short Gospel message to the homeless. During one visit, I met **Alex**, an Eastern European man who had just moved to Spain. He spoke some English and no Spanish, and the language barrier made it difficult to ascertain whether or not he was saved. I gave him the gospel and translated the preaching into English for him. Unfortunately, I could not follow up as he had no phone and has not been seen again at the mission. Pray that the seed sown will bear fruit, despite uncertain circumstances.

Lastly, I would like to mention **Joe**, a Bible believer from Singapore that received Christ about three years ago and recently moved back to Barcelona. Last year, the Lord connected us through a supporting church of ours. Joe has been faithfully helping with the church's various ministries, and his assistance has been indispensable in the English ministry. His fellowship and service have blessed both us personally and the church. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless and guide him in his Christian walk and his labors with us.

Thank you all again for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely in His Service,

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