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Dear Praying Brethren,

We trust that this letter finds you doing well in the Lord. After facing all the difficulties, uncertainties, and delays in getting to Spain, being here still feels a little unreal. It is a testament to the mercy and grace of God that we are here now, and we believe this is in no small part due to your faithful and fervent prayers.

Most of our time and effort over these past two months has been spent establishing our home and dealing with all the bureaucracy of becoming legal residents of Spain. Part of the process includes obtaining our Foreign ID cards, Spanish driver's licenses, and a lot of other paperwork. Thankfully, most of this is either complete or being processed, but we would still appreciate your prayers for the remainder of these documents to be finished.

As we have adjusted to life here in Spain, we feel that, on the one hand, we have been here for much longer than three months, and on the other hand, our everyday interactions tend to remind us of just how short our time here has been. As we have ramped up our language studies, there are times when we feel confident and capable of conversing in Spanish. Then, we make some goofy mistake at church or the grocery store and are made aware of just how little we know. Little by little, we are learning the value of something that a veteran missionary once told us, "Get comfortable with being uncomfortable." Learning a foreign language is a slow and difficult process with plenty of opportunities for embarrassment. We are learning to embrace the awkwardness and keep moving forward. Thankfully, the people at church (and even the grocery store) are very patient with us, even as we sound like two-year-olds when we speak.

On the ministry front, the church here has graciously allowed us to do whatever we can to be a part of the work. Our current language level limits us from being able to minister in Spanish completely, but we have had the privilege of participating in some of the work here. The pastor asked me to preach and give my testimony. We have also been able to take part in some of the church's music ministry and help with other projects. Being able to contribute, even in a small way, is truly a blessing, and we are grateful for the chance to do something for the Lord with these brethren.

Looking back over the past year and all that has transpired, we do not doubt that the Lord has directed our steps to be exactly where we are and to work with the people here. The Lord has truly knitted our hearts together with the individuals in the congregation and the pastor and his wife. It is truly a blessing to be where we are. We are also getting to know the folks in our small town, and we hope to strengthen these relationships, and we are praying for open doors and wisdom in ministering to them.

In closing, we wanted to thank you all again for your prayers, specifically for praying for Anna's health. She has made a full recovery with no apparent long-term issues. The hand of the Lord was very evident in all the circumstances, and we cannot praise Him enough for all His mercy and grace through the trials and difficulties. Your prayers and support are truly an encouragement and help, and we cannot thank you enough for your faithfulness and generosity. Please continue to pray for our family as we adjust to living here and begin the work the Lord has called us to do.

Sincerely in His Service,

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