



Abril - May 2025

Dear Praying Brethren,

We hope this letter finds you well in the Lord. As always, we are thankful for your prayers and encouragement as we continue serving here in Spain.

These past few months have kept us busy. In April, I was invited to speak at a church's weekend retreat. It was truly a blessing to spend time with brothers and sisters in Christ and enjoy the good fellowship. Over three days, I taught five sessions, all in Spanish. I am thankful for God's mercy and help with the language, which allows me to minister more effectively. Preparing sermons in Spanish still requires enormous effort. From my experience so far, it takes me anywhere from two to three times as long to prepare an equivalent message in Spanish as it does in English. With time and practice, this has gotten better, but this highlights one of the main challenges we face in working in a language that is not our native tongue.

As a church, we have been trying to focus on evangelism more this year. In April, we were able to set up a booth during a local holiday called *Diada de Sant Jordi* (Day of Saint George), also known as the *Day of Books and Roses*. Traditionally, men gift a rose to their sweetheart, while women would give a book to theirs. Since books play such a role in the holiday, it afforded us the perfect opportunity to distribute the Book of books. We were able to give out a good number of tracts, Bibles, and New Testaments.

We have also continued to pass out tracts and put them in mailboxes around our city and the surrounding towns. At one point while trying to gain access to an apartment building, I explained to a man over the intercom who we were and what we were doing. His response was, "I'm an atheist. Thanks to God, I'm an atheist." This attitude is nothing new or surprising. We live in a "post-Christian" culture where spiritual things are rejected mainly based on their association with the historical greed and hypocrisy of the Roman Catholic church. Many people here want nothing to do with true, Biblical Christianity because all they think when they hear Jesus, or the Bible, is the Catholic church. As a result, the work here can often be slow and challenging. However, God is faithful, and we are grateful to labor together with you for His glory.

While working at the homeless mission in Barcelona, I met a young man named **Emil**. He spoke a little Spanish and English and claims to be saved, but has struggled with staying clean, going in and out of rehab programs. I gave him a bilingual New Testament and tried to encourage him. Please pray that he will get some victory in his life.

On a more personal note, we celebrated Catalina's 9th birthday in April. She is growing into a sweet young lady with such a tender heart towards the things of God and with a great desire to serve Him. We are truly blessed by the children that the Lord has given us. Celebrating her birthday was a reminder of just how quickly time passes and of the great responsibility to invest in their lives while we have the opportunity.

Finally, thank you for your consistent prayers and extreme generosity. We are continually amazed by your willingness to give of your resources and of yourselves to see that the gospel is preached here in Spain. Thank you! In His Service,

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