



April - May 2022

Dear Praying Brethren,

Once again, two more months have passed, and time continues its fast-paced march forward. Thankfully closer to the day when the Lord calls us home to Him.

Since finishing our full-time deputation, the main obstacle in our departure for the field has been obtaining a sponsor for our visa application. As previously reported, through several difficulties, the Lord has answered our prayers in providing sponsors for us, but we had not yet received our sponsorship paperwork by the time we sent out our last letter. By the grace of God and through the prayers of you, our supporters, **we received our long-awaited sponsorship letter from the Spanish government!** Getting that email in our inbox felt a little surreal as this process has gone on far longer than any of us expected or wanted.

After a few weeks of waiting on some additional documents, we mailed our visa application to the Spanish consulate in Miami, FL. **On May 18<sup>th</sup>, we received an email saying that our visa application had been received and is being processed!** The maximum time allotted by the consulate for notifying visa applicants of their decision is three months from the date of submission. This means that by mid-August, *at the latest*, we should know if our visas have been approved. **Please pray for the Lord's hand in the approval and timing of our visa application!** We are praying to have an answer much sooner than this, and we are endeavoring to be ready for the move as soon as we have the visas in hand.

Through our sponsors, we contacted a veteran pastor of a church in a small town north of Barcelona. He has been very accommodating in helping us look for housing, answering our numerous questions, and offering his assistance as we prepare for the move. It is difficult to express just how much of a blessing this is, as we had expected that we would be starting in the Barcelona area on our own. This was not our desire but came from not being able to make any solid contacts in the area. Thankfully, there is a place and people willing to help us as we get established in the culture and language of the area.

Toward the end of May, we were invited to a church's first mission's conference. The fellowship and meeting were a blessing, and it was a great change of pace to have something different to report on the status of our visas. We also enjoyed street preaching with the church over the weekend. The biggest blessing of the conference were the three teenagers that received Christ as their Savior throughout the conference. While I did not deal with them myself, it was such an encouragement to see these young people come to the Lord.

In closing, we want to thank you, our supporters (both spiritual and financial), for holding the ropes for our family as we strive to go where the Lord has called us. We have seen the Lord's hand move in many ways and through so many circumstances that we cannot help but notice that many of you are praying for us. We understand that the Lord knows what He is doing, and the timing of circumstances is in His control just as much as the circumstances themselves, but it is both humbling and encouraging to know that you are thinking of us and lifting us before the throne of God. Please know that it makes a difference, and we are profoundly grateful for your part in our ministry and lives.

Sincerely in His Service,

Justin, Anna, Catalina, & Justus Pizzo

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