



August – October 2023

Dear Praying Brethren,

First, please excuse the delay in getting this letter out. Each time I was ready to send it, we received more news about our visas, and I wanted to ensure we had all the information before sending you an update. When all was said and done, waiting until the end of October to send our next letter made sense.

We are happy to report that **our two-year visas have been approved!** The process, while frustrating, took place without any major issues. **We want to give a special thanks to Bro. Jack and Sis. Joy Loveday** for all their hard work in getting the necessary letters to us in a timely manner despite the busy summer schedule.

In August, we drove to Guadalajara (a small town about an hour northeast of Madrid) and spent nearly a week with Bro. & Sis. Loveday and their family camp. On the day we arrived, our car thermometer read 41° C or 105.8° F! Needless to say, the week was intensely hot! Despite the heat, we enjoyed the time of fellowship and preaching, and it was a blessing to meet other pastors and missionaries from around the country. It was also encouraging to fellowship with everyone almost entirely in Spanish. English speakers were present, but the preaching, singing, and most of the conversations were in Spanish. It encouraged us to enjoy the time and, for the most part, “keep up” with everything. Anna and I were even asked to handle the children’s choir. Anna played the piano, and I led the kids in “Te Amo Dios,” the Spanish version of Ron Hamilton’s song, “I Love You, Lord.”

Shortly after the family camp, Bro. Loveday began a round of radiation treatment for his cancer. The initial attempts to bring his numbers down were not successful, so by the time you read this letter, he will have finished the first, and hopefully only, run of radiation. They would like to express their gratitude for your prayers, and **we ask that you continue to pray for Bro. Loveday**, his treatment, and his family as they strive to serve the Lord while dealing with all the complications and difficulties of fighting cancer.

After a short break during the summer, we are back at it with language classes, intending to complete the intermediate course by next summer. Studying and classes take a lot of time and energy, but the Lord has blessed our efforts by allowing us to have more in-depth conversations with numerous people, including some of our neighbors. We are specifically burdened by those who live around us, and we are looking and praying for more opportunities to witness to them.

On the ministry front, we are excited by what the Lord is doing in the English ministry of the church. At least one new visitor has come to each service, and the general attitude and spirit of the services have ministered to us personally. The kindness demonstrated by the church both toward each other and to the visitors has made an impression on some of the people who have come. After one service of hearing similar feedback from several different people, the following verse came to mind, **“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”** John 13:35. The ministry has also been a help to the members of the church as they have been inviting their English-speaking friends and coworkers, and they get to have a hand in the work. The Lord is blessing this church ministry, and we are praying for His continued guidance and blessing on it.

The Lord has also been working with the church in opening the door to purchase the location it has been renting. There have been various obstacles to completing the purchase, but the hand of the Lord has been evident all along the

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way, and there is little doubt that this is His will. Please pray that the final paperwork and documents will be finished in the Lord's timing and that He will continue to guide and provide in the process.

The church continues to work with the mission in downtown Barcelona. Recently, a couple of brothers of the church suggested writing a tract to pass out on the street while the meals were being served. I got to sit down with two of the men of the church and help design and later get printed a small run of Spanish tracts. The face of it has two questions roughly translated as, "Who is Jesus Christ to you?" and "What does the Bible tell us about Him?". On the back is a short outline from John 14:6 explaining who Jesus said He was and some verses and contact info for the mission. I count it a privilege to work with these men, and it was a blessing to help write, design and pass out these tracts with them.

In September, we went to Barcelona and passed out tracts along its most well-known street, La Rambla. Joe, the brother from Singapore mentioned in our previous letter, came with us and helped pass out a mix of English, Spanish, and Catalan tracts. Along this line, we ask that you pray with us about a possible opportunity during the Christmas season. We want to set up a booth in the city to sing hymns and carols, pass out tracts, and possibly preach. However, we need permission from the city to do so. **Please pray with us that the Lord will open this door** and allow us to take advantage of the time when most people are more open to hearing the Gospel.

In October, we enjoyed a visit from a good friend of ours from our home church. **Mary Olson** brought us some treats and gifts from our families in the US, and we enjoyed sharing the area we call home with her. She was also able to meet and fellowship with many of the church members. It was a true blessing to host her, and we are grateful for the good friends the Lord has given us.

On the family front, we have all been in good health, and except for a cold here and there, we have not had to make any special trips to the doctor. We attribute this to the Lord and His care for us because of your prayers. Thank you.

In closing, I need to mention that the phone number on our prayer cards has not been active for several months. The service we used for the number deactivated our account without our permission, and getting it back up and running has been a headache. So, our new US number is 850-462-3048. You should be able to call or text it without issue if you need to get ahold of us. Also, my Spanish number is listed at the bottom of this letter should you prefer to use WhatsApp. I apologize for any calls or texts unanswered over the past few months.

Thank you again so much for your faithful prayers and support. We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to work for the Lord and represent you in the work of the ministry here. Thank you for allowing us to fulfill the calling that He has placed on us, and may He find us all busy in the fields into which He has sent us.

Sincerely in His Service,

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