



October – November 2022

Dear Praying Brethren,

We hope you and yours are doing well. After five months of living here in Spain, things have started settling down. We are slowly getting used to day-to-day life here, and once November came around, we felt we could catch our breath from getting things set up. However, around that time, we started dealing with a lot of sickness in the family, and it seems that one or more of us has been down with some cold or flu every other week. It is the time of the year when sicknesses start going around, so it appears that it is not just us, but we think that our immune systems are still adapting to a new environment.

At the end of October, the associate pastor asked me to give a Bible study for a youth meeting. He encouraged me to try it in Spanish. I attempted to do so, but my delivery had much room for improvement. I took on more than I was ready for, and I was reminded that language learning is not a sprint but a marathon. The key is to keep moving forward, however slowly that might be. Despite the difficulties, our language studies are progressing, and communication is getting easier. Even with the language barrier, we are blessed with the chance to do something for the Lord.

Keeping with the language theme, we have had numerous chances to see firsthand the importance of learning Catalan's regional language. For example, the church has an evangelistic tent that they set up to pass out tracts and literature. It is a great opportunity to do some personal work and get the scriptures out. At one point, an older man approached me and began speaking rapidly in Catalan. I had no idea what he was saying and tried, in Spanish, to explain that to him. He switched to Spanish, but his accent was so thick I still could not understand him. Thankfully, one of the other brothers noticed me struggling and stepped in to deal with the man. This encounter, among others, has further convinced us of the need to become at least conversational in Catalan. The Catalan people feel strongly about their identity, and their language is integral to it. Our primary focus remains Spanish, as it is the country's first official language. However, being confronted with the dual cultures here has motivated us to learn some Catalan.

Please pray for a **young lady** that we met in our town. She has been very friendly with us since we met her, and Anna has been able to form a friendship with her. We had the chance to speak with her in our home and to give her a Bible. She is open to the gospel but has a lot of questions and is in need of friendship. Please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom in helping her and that we could lead her to Christ in her search for truth.

Please also pray for Bro. Jack Loveday and his family, the missionaries that sponsored us into the country. He is dealing with some health issues, and his family is also going through some things. They covet your prayers.

In closing, we trust that you all had a good Thanksgiving. While we know that being grateful should be a daily attitude for the Christian, having a day set aside to give the Lord thanks is a blessing. We were especially grateful to celebrate the holiday with the pastor, his wife, and another missionary couple. Anna even ordered a turkey from a local butcher, and we found some ingredients that made the whole meal authentically American.

Thank you all for your generous support and faithful prayers, and we pray that the Lord will continue to guide and keep you in your labor for Him.

Sincerely in His Service,

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