



December 2021 – January 2022

Dear Praying Brethren,

We hope that this letter finds you and yours doing well. Once again, another year has come and gone and, as time moves continually forward, it shows no signs of slowing down. Although we are still delayed from moving to our field, we are grateful to have the chance to spend time with our family in Pensacola. By our original estimates, we expected to be in Spain by this time so, the blessing to be with our family during this waiting period is not something we take lightly.

In our last letter, I explained how our first sponsor fell through and how the Lord opened another door within a week. Since then, we have been working on obtaining new copies of all our U.S. documents and sending them out for certification and translation. Along with this, we also sent the necessary papers over to our missionary sponsors, Jack & Joy Loveday. They submitted their part of the paperwork to the Spanish government in mid-January. Unfortunately, they are still waiting to hear back from the Ministry of the Presidency, a relatively new agency now tasked with handling these kinds of requests and apparently does not have the experience dealing with this type of paperwork. Due to this additional delay on the Spain side of the paperwork, we do not have a definitive timeline for when the sponsorship documents will come through. Also, some of the U.S. paperwork is still in transit or at the appropriate office for certification. By the end of February, several of these documents will become older than 90 days and may no longer be valid for the visa application. **We specifically covert your prayers regarding this issue**, as getting some of these documents took over a month and a half just for one part of the process002E

Before moving out of the neighborhood that we were staying in, we made some boxes of homemade holiday cookies with a Gospel of John and a Christmas tract. We passed these out to each house on the street and were met with mostly positive reactions. Several people that we spoke with were believers that had a solid testimony of salvation and were encouraged by the outreach. However, most seemed happy enough just to take the cookies and run. For our part, we are grateful for the chance to sow some seeds.

The holidays are usually a good time to pass out tracts – **"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away."** (1 Cor. 7:31). A smile and a "Merry Christmas" seem to go a long way but, as soon as the season passes, so do the friendly smiles and "thank you" s. The stark contrast of people's reception to the gospel before and after the holidays always amazes me. All we can do is sow the seed and let the Lord give the increase.

After the holidays, both our kids dealt with some stubborn ear infections that took several weeks to clear up for both. Thankfully, they are better now and, we just want to thank you for the prayers for our family's health. Also, several churches and individuals gave us additional funds for Christmas and, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for thinking of our family. Your prayers and support are an immense blessing to us and, we cannot thank you enough for your kindness.

Sincerely in His Service,

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