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Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name. Proclaim the good news of his Salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, His wonder among all the peoples.

~Psalm 96:1-3



Dear Friends and Family,

Well, we lived to tell about our coast-to-coast furlough tour. We took our babies on a ride through 22 states of the Union, visiting family, supporters and churches. We knew that the task was daunting, what amazed us was just how gracious the Lord and our hosts were to us during each stop. Each stop held a special blessing for us, as we were encouraged, engaged and motivated by the dear ones we visited with, confirming to us again and again how God is with us as we embark on a new church plant in the unreached city of Los Barrios, in the Campos de Gibraltar region of Andalucia.

Besides visiting those who have followed our ministry closely and prayed for us all these years, we also made new friends along the way, which was a very special element of the trip.

On the Sunday that we pulled into town, November 13<sup>th</sup>, JD got to give his Great Commission Sermon, which has been his message for churches and supporters on this trip, at Faith Bible Church in San Bernardino, California. It was a symbolic last stop as JD spent his childhood days there at San Bernardino Christian School, sponging up the good teaching on the

Christians part in the Great Commission. So 28 years later, JD got to be the one teaching and exhorting the church to fully obey and participate in the Great Commission. Let us all do our part to proclaim the good news of his Salvation from day to day.

**Special prayer request:** Please pray for Sara's grandma, Sarah Ruth Poppe. She suffered a devastating stroke on November 17<sup>th</sup> that has left her in a coma. Grandma's life means so much to our family. She has been one of our most enthusiastic supporters as missionaries, and really played an important emotional role in our ministry, as our daily inspirational cheerleader. Who knew that a 90-year-old woman could be so busy on Skype and email? She has truly lived a remarkable Christian life. In fact, the pastor in San Quintin, Mexico, told the audience of 250 that there has probably been no one like her in that community, who has lived a life so fully devoted to Jesus Christ. We now pray for Grandma in this new chapter, in which she survives in a coma, waiting to see the Most High who she has unabashedly loved her whole life.

So we learn from King Solomon how there is a time for everything, as he wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, there are







days for celebrating joyfully and crossing the finish line, followed by days of stress and prayerful intercession. Therefore, we continue to live out this missionary calling by faith and not by sight.

Our general prayer request, apart from Grandma Poppe, is that in our remaining furlough time we would have a time to truly rest. We understand how important it will be to be rejuvenated and ready to tackle a new church plant in a new location. This nation-wide trip was wonderful, but also taxing on us, and we haven't slowed down since arriving in the U.S. So we ask prayer for us to be renewed and ready for the challenge of full time ministry every new day.

Again, Our family has been so moved by a debt of gratitude to all our friends, family and churches who provided us ways to share about the Andalucia Project across the U.S. (unfortunately we couldn't fit all the pictures into one newsletter!). We appreciate all of you who opened your homes and churches to us and fattened us up along this trip. May the Lord richly repay all of you for your hospitality and generosity.

So in this season of giving thanks we feel a wellspring of thankfulness to all who partner with us in declaring the Lord's glory among the nations. May you and your family know that you are loved and prayed for. We hope this Christmas season you and your loved ones might be moved to seek out and worship the King of the Jews born in Bethlehem.

Serving with you, *JD, Sara, Sarah Ruth & Abigail Mae*



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