We are embarking on a new adventure overseas!

#### San Quintin, Mexico

Dear friends,

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1: 3-6

Oh! What a great God and merciful Savior we serve together! As we continue to celebrate and live out the victory of the Resurrection of Christ, we want to write to you to thank you for you consistent prayers for our family. We have now surpassed 16,000 deputation road miles traveled since we began furlough in August. Our daughters have learned to adapt to living out of a suitcase and have slept in 26 states while being prayed for during many church services. 5-year-old Sarah Ruth asks us where we are traveling to when we load her little pink suitcase in our ministry van. The count-down to our return to Spain, however, has begun, as we have begun saying some difficult goodbyes to loved ones. We know that before we realize it, we will be back in our familiar Sevilla Airport.

Friends, please continue to pray for our family's needs. We had the challenge of trying to double our support to that of the recommendation for a family of four in Western Europe, and also the challenge of raising funds for our new church plant in Los Barrios. Please pray for all the logistics of returning to Spain: Choosing what to pack, making connections, not forgetting things in California, transitioning into our temporary housing, finding long-term housing, moving into the new home, setting up utilities and phones. Once settled in our home, we will then be prayerfully seeking to rent a store-front to serve as our new church plant and ministry center in the unreached city of Los Barrios. We pray that the Lord will help us in each of these steps.

Winter deputation tour. At the beginning of March, J.D. was able to do one last deputation trip, making stops and sharing about our upcoming church-plant in Los Barrios, Spain. JD's tour stretched from Redlands, CA to St Louis, MO.





### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1. For our family as we manage the trip and move back overseas.
- 2. For our providence in finding a place to live in Los Barrios.
- 3. For our needs to be met regarding moving, settling, and church-planting expenses.
- 4. For our marriage, spiritual and emotional health to be covered in prayer as we embark on this spiritual battle to raise the banner of Christ in Los Barrios.
- 5. For our daughters, Sarah Ruth (5 years), and Abigail Mae (22 months), as they transition back to Spain and leave dear family and friends behind.

## Recent Deputation Ministry

Since March, we have also had a plethora of ministry and speaking opportunities around Southern California. We have been very blessed and humbled by all the churches and friends who have encouraged us and welcomed us and also begun to pray for our upcoming ministry in Los Barrios, Spain. This April we were given the opportunity to stay and minister for 19 days in San Diego, CA. As we had churches, friends, family in the area, each day in San Diego was very full with sharing our vision for Spain with friends new and old.

Looking back at this deputation-furlough is bitter-sweet. It is a furlough that is unrepeatable for a number of reasons. We know many people we visited are getting up in years and sick. When you leave a country for 4 years, things you left behind are sure to be different when you return. Next furlough our daughters will be too big to make all the trips that we made, they'll need to be in school by then. We also can smile, feeling accomplished for having outperformed our own expectations for number of meetings and visits. No, it hasn't been a restful sabbatical, but we were given an extra dose of grace from On High to give us the endurance to visit many, many friends and congregations around North America.





# Spain is in desperate need of Christ.

Please pray that both Spaniards, lost in a cultural religion, and for immigrants and refugees from Africa and the Middle East, who have never heard the Gospel before, can come to saving faith in Christ Jesus.

Keep in Prayer our upcoming church-plant: Please pray for the residents of the unreached town of Los Barrios and it's surrounding region, called Campo de Gibraltar, to have their hearts ready to come near to God.

If you would like help us fulfill the great commission when we return to Spain (Romans 15:24), you can send any tax-deductible support for this new work to:

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