



**Opening shop!**  
**Exciting times in Los Barrios!**



***Seeing dreams come to life***

Hello friends and family,

Has anyone told you lately that God is good?

Has anyone told you that The One who calls you is faithful and will do it?

This week we have seen something like a wave of grace, growing and lifting us, so we have to burst into Thanksgiving and tell somebody what the Lord has done for us.

In these past days we have seen a consistent pattern of needs and business details get taken care of. It has been divine favor helping us tie-up each business need that could have hindered us, enabling us to begin our summer ministry program by early June, which is what we have been planning and hoping for, for months. One by one and day by day these tasks have been worked out by the Lord.

On of the most amazing details was that after working on our ministry locale search for quite some time, we were handed the keys yesterday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, one year to the

As the morning progressed, there was a moment of realizing that Sara and I were never in this church-plant alone. The Lord brought to my mind 2 Kings 6.

In verses 15-17 the servant of Elisha is feeling overwhelmed by the sight of the hostile Syrian army and says to the man of God:

*“Alas, my master! What shall we do?” So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

Today Sara and I can truly say that our God has helped us move forward with each hurdle that has presented itself. Navigating operating permits, rental contracts, building funds and bank transfers, utilities and basic furniture for operating, the Lord has been by us.

Today he gave us an “Amen” by sending us faithful old friends from

day since we arrived to church-plant in the Campo de Gibraltar region of Spain.

Today we were also very blessed to receive a visit from five of our dear friends from the congregation where we served in Puebla del Rio. Since we had just received the keys the night before, they were interested in seeing the new church-plant space, as they have been following our efforts for some years now. In the end, once they arrived, our friends from Sevilla Province turned it into an impromptu work day, helping us advance quickly with the time consuming work of removing all the window stickers left by the previous tenants.

our last assignment to give us a hand in raising this new work.

I take the key and shut the door of the store-front and the Lord tells us:

*You were never alone.*

*Hebrews 13:5 "Be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Serving with you,*  
JD, Sara, Sarah Ruth and Abigail

## Summer Workers are on their way!

As many of you will know the story, JD came to Spain on a number of summer trips before moving here with his mission in 2005. Summer is just a fantastic time for ministries to get a boost through activities that allow born-again workers to spend quality time with locals through any number of activities. Our three kinds of summer workers for 2018 are each very unique and will fill very different needs. It is a beautiful picture of the diversity of the body of Christ.

Our first worker is staying here in Los Barrios for the entire summer. Her name is Rona and she is a retired jr. college professor and has served around the globe, very literally, as a missionary with WEC and Mission Nanny's. Rona will be helping us run Summer English Clubs, so we are busy trying to recruit and follow-up with students. This will be an *English as Outreach* activity of our church-plant. Rona will also be here long enough to help us in the day to day running of the church-plant and will be a welcome addition for fellowship.

Arriving in July is John Michael. He first came to help here in 2015 on a mission trip with Trinity Church. This time around he is going solo, and we can't wait to get his help in getting this church-plant and ministry center off the ground. He will help us in evangelism, outreach activities, and preparing events and meetings. We will also go back to a building project that we worked on at [Los Naranjos Christian Camp](#) so that he and JD can do some follow-up work days there.

In the third month of summer we will welcome our third arrival, this one from Mission Valley Christian Fellowship of San Diego, CA. Right now the team is about 14 people. Like the other 2, they have also been here before, but will be bringing some new faces with them! The Mission Valley team will serve as our counselors and workshop teachers at the annual camp that JD directs, called [English Action Camp](#). Once the camp is finished, the team will travel from Cazalla de la Sierra to Los Barrios, where they will help us with a couple outreach events and with some projects to better prepare our ministry space.

Please pray for all these people who will be coming to partner and serve this summer. We ask our Gracious Father for health, perseverance and provision for



each one of these unique and willing people.

# ENGLISH ACTION CAMP

## 2018

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**Edades de 11 a 17 años**

**DEL 6 AL 11 DE AGOSTO**

**Costo: 160 Euros**

**Info: 695 265 268 John David Bennett**



**Immediate Building Needs**

We are so grateful to each of you who have prayed, encouraged, come and partnered financially so that we could get to this point today of opening our Agua Viva church-plant and Christian Family Center.

For those of you who like to know specific needs and support special projects, here are some immediate needs that we have and which we will be trying to cover as special gifts come in as well as from our regular monthly, ministry support.

We always marvel on how God provides through cheerful givers, so than you in advance!



Immediate needs that we are seeking to fill as prudently as possible:

- 1 office desk with locking drawer
- 20 chairs
- 1 magnetic white-board
- 1 PA system
- 1 TV monitor-stand
- 1 six meter monitor cable
- 1 six meter monitor cable for PC
- 1 monitor adapter for Mac
- 2 microphones and cables.
- 20 children's Sunday school chairs
- 3 children's tables
- 1 children's rug
- 1 wall cupboard
- 1 supply cabinet
- 1 two meter locking storage cabinet
- 1 small sink-counter kitchenette
- 1 small refrigerator
- 1 electric water kettle
- 1 coffee maker
- 2 folding tables

We have truly been blessed as a result of our weekly home Bible Study in the Gospel of John. We have enjoyed a number of visitors who have accepted our invitation to attend. It has been a great way to teach the Bible from our home during this church-plant incubation period. We enjoy both local neighbors and also surprise guests and friends who happen to be in the region. Like many home fellowships back at home, it is always a blessing to see who might show up to study the word of God.







If you would like to partner with us equipping and running our new church plant & ministry center, you can send support, designated for **Los Barrios Special Fund** to:

*Tentmakers Bible Mission                      "Los Barrios  
Special Fund"*  
*PO Box 160, LaGrange, WY 82221*

Please write *Los Barrios Special Fund* on the memo line of the checks.

Online Giving to our building needs:

<https://tentmakers.webconnex.com/giving/europe>

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