

# *February Prayer Letter*

Hello Friends,

This is going to be a packed newsletter, so buckle up!

Back in September, six months felt like a really long time away from Spain. Now we're celebrating God's faithfulness during this time—we're leaving on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>!

Our vision is to share the hope and purpose found in Jesus Christ, plant gospel-driven, Bible-believing churches, and disciple eternity-focused believers in north Spain. For six months we have been sharing our hearts with people and churches. Here's a big thank you for encouraging and affirming our vision by joining our prayer and support team. We praise God for providing 100% of the financial support we seek this year—that's amazing! To God be the glory!

While that news is huge in itself, we have another bit of exciting information. We want to tell you about a very important change! For the past year we have planned to begin our ministry as an internship with another missionary just south of Barcelona. Some change in circumstances has made the internship unpractical, and we've had to rely on God's direction to figure out a solution. With the approval of our mission board, we will be going to the area of

Pamplona, Navarra to begin work under the supervision of our mentoring missionary. Although the location has changed, our vision and commitment to share the gospel, disciple believers and plant gospel-driven churches has not changed. Pamplona will be a great starting point for our ministry, and if God blesses our strategy with expansion, it's also a great place to branch out to other states in North Spain.

[Our strategy for ministry](#) remains unchanged—just accelerated! Pamplona, a city of around 200,000 people, only has a handful of gospel-focused churches, and has several suburbs that appear to have zero gospel presence. The challenges in the Pamplona area reflect the challenges elsewhere in Spain (secularism, superstitious religion, atheism, other religions, etc.). The character of the people is cordial but warms as a relationship deepens. They are, after all, northerners.

## Prayer Points

We believe in the power of prayer. As we have seen God work through your prayers, please continue to pray for us. With this modification to the launch of our project, we'd like to share some challenges with you:

- **Housing:** We plan on renting for at least a year before buying a more “permanent” location. Cost of living in Pamplona is higher, and housing seems to be in demand. Please pray for God to provide a place for us. Our exact location of ministry may depend on where we find availability to rent! Also pray for our future

neighbors, and for the logistics involved in moving (our stuff remains in a unit near Barcelona). The first week or two we'll be staying with my family in Logroño while we hunt for an apartment.

- **Language:** Different region also means a different language. Although may not be as necessary as it would have been to learn Catalan in Barcelona, it will be very helpful to learn Basque. It is a unique language and has no similarity to Spanish. Many people speak it fluently, while the main language is still Spanish.
- **Family:** Remember our little ones (Donovan and Nathan). There will be lots of changes in the next couple weeks. Pray as travel and transiency take its toll on all of us, but especially on them.
- **Job:** This might sound weird since I told you that we are at 100% of support, but after all, we are “tentmakers.” That means a portion of our budget is covered by a part-time job. A part-time job also helps build relationships with our neighbors and community. I intend to teach a limited number of English classes to provide for this, while not getting in the way of full-time ministry. Please pray for this to be able to complete our monthly budget.



If you have any questions, shoot us an email! There's a lot going on right now, and a single letter can't cover it all. Phones will be going dark for a bit while we get set up. Next time you hear from us will be from Spain!

All for Jesus!

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*"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." – Prov 16:9*

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