

***Thankful for steps forward!
Progress that doesn't happen overnight in Spain.***



Dear Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving season from Cadiz Province!

This year we are so grateful to God for giving us special witnessing opportunities that do not present themselves every day.

A local Spanish woman who has been attending our English activities at our ministry center this autumn, asked Sara last week to tell her what we believe. What followed was a wonderful chance to share the gospel with a Spaniard who had lowered her defenses and wanted to know about the hope that we have.

This Wednesday a different woman who has been accompanying her friend each Wednesday to our English class, asked if she was allowed to take copies of our booklet the *Power of the Cross* and an Autumn season copy of *Our Daily Bread* booklet. The Wednesday before, a third Spanish woman asked if she could take the booklet: "*What happens when you die?*" and a copy of the Gospel of John.

On another day a North African woman who we have been praying for and befriending for over two years, decided to attend our church-plant service with her children. Even to this day we are so grateful that God gave us words to speak to a practicing, religious Muslim attending the church-plant for the first time. Please pray for the salvation of this family. That God would do a miracle and bring these people who we have prayed for so much, into the family of Christ. It makes us think of Paul's burden for Israel in Romans 10:1: "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."

As always, any progress with this church-plant and with leading non-believers into saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, does not come easily, but it does come about by the grace of God. We have learned that God moves the pieces into place in His Sovereign timing. Any progress we have made was a result of prayer, God's answer to those prayers, hard work and lots of people helping these projects going forward.





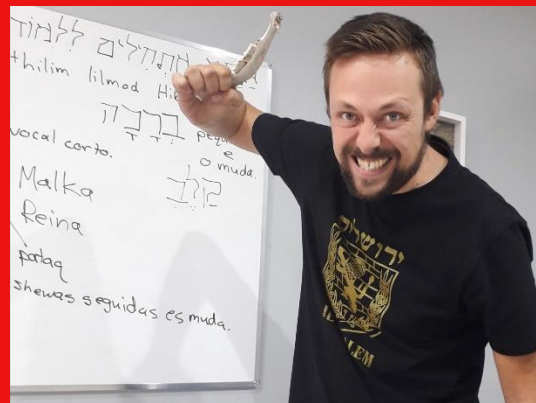
We have been really encouraged this autumn by seeing partners emerging who can give life to this ministry, which is so important, to see other people assuming roles.

One such person is the president of the association that gives us coverage to operate in Spain. Ian Hardy has been teaching our Introduction to English course on Wednesday mornings, and if you notice the picture, he always includes a Bible verse that has to do with the grammar that we are studying. The participation of Ian and Gracia Hardy has brought many new people to our ministry center.

The Lord brought us into contact with a local pastor and his wife in a nearby city that have become good friends who we can rely on. We are very grateful for our friendship with Pastor David & Margarita Bianchi.

Also, we enjoyed a Gospel story-telling training, by our dear Lebanese friend Norma Abed. She helped some of our close friends study how in ministry we need to pass on the Good News and teach those people to pass on the Good News, that our

ministry needs to make disciples who know that they need to make disciples who will make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2).





Marcos recording Sarah Ruth doing a greeting for Sunday School students back in California.

Short-termer from Mexico: This fall we have enjoyed the talents of our friend Marcos Lee. He is a photographer and marketing expert who has helped us with this church plant even before we arrived back in Spain to begin work in Los Barrios.

While here he has been a friendly addition to all of our activities and has been busy helping us with things like videos, making us a new website <http://www.aguavivacdg.org>, and a flyer of all of our weekly activities at our ministry center.

With Marcos here we have been filming sermons, worship services and evangelistic short films.

Recently JD was filming two new special messages on the Roman Road in nearby Baelo Claudia. One is about the steps to be born again called The Romans Road and the other message was filmed on the site of ancient Roman temples, sharing about the Altar to the Unknown God in Acts 17.

One highlight of Marcos' time with us was a surprising opportunity to be able to organize an all-school assembly about Mexico at a local special-needs school. It was a fantastic opportunity to live our testimony. The morning at the school went so well, that the Cuerda Association that we work with has already met with the school's principal about having members of our Association, like Sara and another lady named Gracia, (whose daughter attends the school), volunteer at the school

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future.





"I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

Helping with Sunday night music at a church near the Gibraltar border.

[Listen to JD's message on serving others. 1 Peter 4 \(in Spanish\)](#)



We were able to attend a family wedding in England in September. It was very special for Sara to get some time with cousins, aunts and uncles who we hadn't seen in a long time.

We are grateful for your friendship and wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

All our love,
JD, Sara, Sarah Ruth & Abigail Mae Bennett