



If you can believe it, it is now 4 years since our last furlough. Here we are last time we came through in October 2016. Our girls are a bit bigger now. We had to buy them new shoes and everything since then!

Running the Race with Endurance: Furlough '21

Dear Friends & Family,

We will be beginning home assignment at Christmas. This means that during these next two months we have an incredible to-do list as we seek to delegate ministry responsibilities, downsize, and prepare our family to cross the ocean once again. Please pray for our family to have lots of strength, health, and energy for all of the details which involve leaving our rental-home and traveling to the U.S. to start furlough. Many times, in missions we discuss the difficulties for missionaries to begin their new life from scratch overseas, but there are also difficulties returning to our hometown. Nothing is ever exactly as you left it. There are many details from small ones like getting a phone plan to big ones like getting health insurance that can be a

little overwhelming.

Please pray for our flights, for the safe arrival of our family amid travel restrictions and for our general adjustment in the USA and Mexico.



Church Planting News

Our Los Barrios Fellowship has been up and running again since June in our home. Our home fellowship has been a source of joy and encouragement to everyone who has been attending these last few months. Our home is full of laughter and sushi each week (A family who attend have a sushi restaurant), which has made Abby a sushi fanatic! We are working our way, verse-by-verse, through the Book of Acts and it has been a very fruitful time studying together and learning from the early church and

seeing how Christ's prophecy in Acts 1:8 comes true during the duration of the book.



Good News Campaign Praise report: Our online campaign to share the Good News specifically with the inhabitants of the whole surrounding area of Los Barrios reached 4,000 neighbors and had 21 social-media shares. We pray that hearing of the good news will help local people here take steps to trusting Christ.



Algeciras Spotlight English Club. On Monday, September 14th we resumed our in-person Spotlight Club after taking a summer recess in July. We have a local Spanish lady opening a classroom for us to use while our new ministry center is getting finished. We have had a few witnessing opportunities with her now so we are praying for the day that she will trust Christ as her Savior.

On September 21st, through our Spotlight Curriculum, we studied with our English club how Joni Eareckson Tada found hope and a reason to keep living in the arms of Christ. We invited our colleague Norma, who is a personal friend of Joni, to come share personally about how she came to faith in Christ after reading Joni's personal story. We spent 3 hours having this roundtable discussion about how in Christ, all those afflicted by sin or disability or hopelessness can find hope, forgiveness, and a future. Our students heard the Gospel extremely clearly in this class, and it was an unusually fantastic opportunity to share the Gospel with Spaniards, using the life story of Joni Eareckson Tada. We could see that the lights are turning on for some of these students.



A Light in the Barrio.

This is where we park our car many Sunday mornings. Our family has been so blessed to be served by the Fuente de Paz Evangelical Church in La Linea. This church welcomed us with open arms, has provided a solid Sunday School for our daughters and been a spiritual shot in the arm for both of us. This 120-year-old congregation stands strong in a neighborhood with some of the highest crime in Spain. Yet here, the light of God's word is a shining beacon in the darkness.



Other Prayer Requests:

Please pray for our Transition to Home Assignment: Moving out of our rental-home, international travel and COVID restrictions, and the many expenses that come with resettling a family.

Abby's Digestive problems: Abby was treated for overgrowth of bacteria in her upper small intestine. However, she continues to complain of stomach pain, but the good news is her tests showed that she was not lactose intolerant, so that will make her food prep a little easier, since we followed the doctors orders to give her a lactose-free diet for several months. Please pray that as Abby finishes her treatment her stomach issues will disappear or that the doctors will find if there is any other problem.

New Ministry Center Location: Ideally, we would have already been operating in our new ministry space, as we were hoping to start activities there at the start of the school year. However, in light of the current COVID situation, it has taken longer than we expected but we are seeing the finish line approaching. Please pray for us to receive the opening license and for the city to turn on the water soon so that we can operate.

Grateful for all the ways we have seen God at work in this term of service.



Looking back at this last term of service makes us rise up in praise and thanksgiving to the one who is the Author and Finisher of our faith.





Our girls are praying faithfully for the salvation of their friends at school. We are so grateful for our 2 little missionaries.



All our love,
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