

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I pray that the Lord blesses you and your family this 2022; may you grow closer to Him and may He give you grace and strength to succeed in every challenge you might face this year.

We were able to celebrate the New Year in Logroño with my family. I also had a chance to preach at the church there. We hadn't been there for some time, and it was very nice to catch up with everybody. I preached from Colossians 3:1-4, challenging us to evaluate our relationship with God and make an intentional commitment to work out our sanctification in light of our identity.

For Christmas, for the first time, we hosted a church service at our home. We invited Alberto and his family, and my dad and sister were also here visiting us. It was the first (still pending on permanent location) church service we have done here in Fraga. Thus far, we have been studying the Bible together in small groups, and we meet in person whenever restrictions and schedules allow, every time in a different location.

You have been helping us in praying for a storefront to open a church. We thought we had found the perfect spot back in October. We went to see the place a couple times and got an idea of what it would take for us to renovate it in order to meet the requirements for a place of worship here in town. We made an offer, but the owner decided to rent the place to someone else at the last moment. Although we thought it would have been great, God is showing us that it isn't the right place for the church.

These past months have been filled with visits and activity, a happy change in

spite of the pandemic. In October, we enjoyed spending time with Maddy's parents and grandmother. They have been a ceaseless encouragement to our ministry and family, and we were delighted to be able to share our life in Spain with them.

In November, something really cool happened. A man reached out to us. Sani had been looking for a church in this area and our church's website came up. He was born in an Arab country and challenged Islam since he was a child. He had questions about God but never got the answers he needed from Islam until someone shared the gospel with him, he met Jesus, and his life was changed forever. He has an amazing testimony and he is constantly sharing the gospel with coworkers and people when he can. He is a blessing to our small group and has given us a very real perspective to some verses in our Bible study.

For example, we were studying the man born blind (John 9) and Sani shared with us the story of his family and society rejecting him. Jesus didn't leave the man born blind to his own fate. In John 9:35, Jesus heard what had happened and was there for the man. He was not left alone. From that, we were able to reflect on the presence of God in Sani's life and our lives as well.



Our family visiting from United States



The first Christmas service at home



In Search of Jesus conference



Church planting friends and family

Prayer Points

- A store front, to help us connect with people and be more available to help, but prices for things available are too expensive for what our small congregation could manage.
- The church planting class this semester at IBSTE, Barcelona. From the 4th to the 11th of February, I'll be teaching students how not to make the same mistakes I've made. Pray that through this class, God gives them the desire to begin multiplying churches.

- Alberto, Sani, and their families. Please pray for the people of Fraga and surrounding towns. There is great need here, but we all struggle to let other people know we need help.
- Maddy and our family. We are expecting a baby girl! We can't wait to meet her, Lord willing, at the end of this month.
- Maddy's parents will come again and stay with us to help with this new blessing. Please pray for safety and health for all of us especially in these moments.

We are so thankful that God is with us and for your prayers for our ministry here. Our ministry is in every part your ministry as well, and without your support we couldn't continue reaching the people here. We look forward to seeing what God will do this year.



All for Jesus!

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