

April 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” 1 Peter 1:3

During the Holy Week in Spain, we saw demonstrations of fervor and religious piety, but people didn't have the **Living Hope** that Peter talks about. Men and women of all ages take vows, do penance, and live out religious devotion, but miss out on the message of hope in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please don't forget to pray for the people of Spain! They know about the cross, but they are blinded by the tradition, religion, and superstition that go back many generations. In stark contrast to devout religious practice, they do not know God personally.

A lot happened since we last talked. Let me give you a few highlights:

- We have started monthly church gatherings at our house. We meet for worship, preaching, and eating together. This is great progress considering the history of our area.
- During our weekly Bible studies, we have been studying doctrine in preparation for our church opening. We are building up our core group in preparation for more people joining us
- I have been doing some counseling and helping people grow in their faith while also growing myself. I look forward to seeing how God will use this aspect of ministry in the future here.
- I trained with a ministry focused on helping people overcome addictive behavior. There is a need for such a ministry in our area. There is nothing like it except over an hour away from us. People who need help won't travel that far unless they are obligated to do so. I see it as another opportunity to reach our community with the hope of the gospel.
- We are working on all the details, documentation, and plans for our future store-front church. We are waiting on some permits from the City Hall before we can move forward as much as we would like. Paperwork moves quite slowly in Spain.

Things happening soon:

- Next weekend we are joining an outreach in Zaidin. We did this last year with a positive response from many people. We hope to reinforce our testimony there.
- At the end of April, I will go to a nationwide conference. We are joining a national organization of evangelical churches which will give us legal

protection and recognition before government officials and the community.

- If everything goes according to plan, we will get into the building and start renovations in the middle of May. Fun, fun, fun! (I'll share pictures and more as soon as I can).



View of holy week processions



Easter service at home

Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for our ministry. Thank you so much for your support, encouragement, and prayers. Doing what we do would be much harder without your intercession.
- Pray for this outreach in Zaidin this weekend **16th of April 2023**

- Pray for our storefront. Documentation, permits, and all that we need for this to happen. Pray that God will use it as a tool to help us impact this community further with the Living Hope of the Gospel.
- Pray for our family. The next couple of months should demand much of us and we'll need an extra portion of God's grace to not lose sight of our primary goal, which is to live for God, despite all the *urgent* things around us.

We are so thankful for your involvement and encouragement in our ministry here. Our ministry is in every part your ministry as well, and without your prayers and support we couldn't continue reaching the people here.



All for Jesus!

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