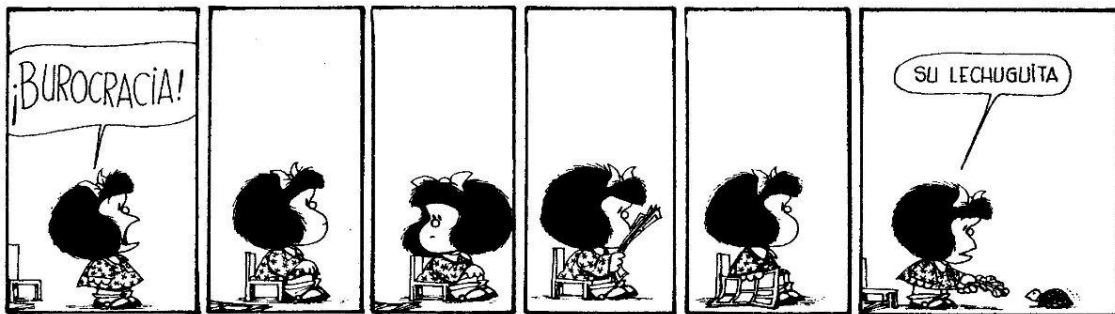


June 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

When I was a kid, I enjoyed a comic book drawn by an Argentinian author, Quino. He had a character named Mafalda, who was a sarcastic child interested in world events and politics and gave a unique perspective on them. I have been thinking about one comic strip in particular this past month.

Mafalda got a pet turtle, and she named it Bureaucracy.



"Bureaucracy!" "Your little lettuce."

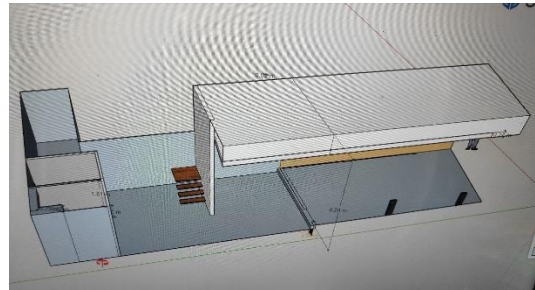
We thought we were so close on the building a couple weeks ago and get reforms underway, but we encountered Mafalda's pet—bureaucracy. Documents, and papers, and meetings, problems, ideas, and brainstorming solutions... but now we have a closing date—June 27! We then will get the keys to the building and begin renovations, Lord willing on **Iglesia Evangélica Bajo Cinca!**

God knows why the wait, and He has sure been working in my life and in the vision I have for this church and the expectations I have for myself. God is good, and He knows what is best! We trust in His plan and do what we can to be His hands and feet in order to serve His people here in Fraga and bring God the glory.

I want to thank you for your support, for your encouragement, and patience with us and this project. You also have been waiting to hear about some good progress here. I am trusting God that progress is coming and that He will work in mighty ways, and we will rejoice together.

Thank you for your support with helping to finance the remodel! We have been considering the space, and to make the most of what is available will have to do some demolition in the loft to expand the worship area. We would like to have about 40-45 seats, and this seems like a comfortable starting size for a church plant.

We also need to remodel the bathroom and add a second washroom and make the area handicap accessible. The front door needs to be replaced and widened. A/C, lighting, and a drop-ceiling are on the list to be able to make this a comfortable space of worship.



Left to right: you can see the front area of the church where the drop ceiling will be added; the back portion that will be united with the front and one room above removed to make the worship area larger; the current bathroom (lots of character); and the plan for the new layout.

This modification adds an extra cost of €4K to remove one half of the loft, but will be well-worth the cost in terms of useable space for the congregation.

We are so grateful for all the help that has been extended and sacrificially given to see this church plant come to fruition. If God is leading you to come alongside us in this project, please consider giving to the IEBC special fund set up by Tentmakers Bible Mission, linked at the bottom. To Him be the glory!

Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for the project. Pray that nothing impedes the closing on the building and that we will be able to soon get to work on the church and begin services.
- Please pray that the schedules of the professionals we need to bring in will be open and we can get things done (please).
- Please pray for our testimony to our community as we do the renovations and increase the curiosity of the people.
- Please don't forget to pray for us, for my character and patience, that it will reflect God's work in my life and not my impatient self. For the kids as we will have many visitors and hard labor to attend. For Maddy who keeps things running on both fronts.
- Pray for the individuals of our precious congregation here, that they would be encouraged and see fruit in their efforts to share the love of Christ, and that together we will be unified in mind and spirit to glorify the Father.

It is our pleasure to work alongside you to reach the world for Christ's kingdom, and an honor to have your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support as we face obstacles and challenges in our ministry.

All for Jesus!

Victor and Maddy Ramirez

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