

# *April 2025 Prayer Letter*

Dear Vince,

Yesterday, as you may have heard, we had a power outage all over Spain. Our church family and we are all doing well despite this. We lost power, internet, and communications for several hours. Some people said jokingly that we were going back to the dark ages and laughed at the expensive paperweights that our phones had become. It was interesting to see how people reacted to this in our town. Many came out of their houses, sat in their garages, and chatted with the neighbors about what could have caused this. I saw many gestures of generosity and kindness between people. We were without power for about 10 hours, and I know some other parts of Spain had to wait even longer.

I'm sorry for the late update. The year has flown by very quickly, even though January and February were two slow months for us. Many people from our congregation have returned to their home country or have experienced health or personal issues that prevent them from coming. The church has felt the loss in attendance, and it was discouraging, especially because I battled with having a structured schedule, while trying to be sensitive to the needs of the congregation and using my time wisely to advance the gospel.

Some Wednesdays, no one has come at all. One Wednesday, I told the only man who came that I would continue to be there, to prepare the studies and to be available despite the lack of attendance in case someone wanted to come.

This led me to send the church a text message with the material of the Wednesday study. My thought is that if they would have liked to come, but couldn't for whatever reason, they would still be able to know what was studied and grow in faith, creating another opportunity to reflect on and discuss the passage when we gather. I might

change this in a few weeks, but I want to see how it goes and if it helps or encourages people to come.

Thursday mornings have been a blessing and well-attended as opposed to Wednesdays. We gather at 9 am to read a Psalm, reflect on it, and pray with that Psalm as a guide, and afterward share prayer requests. It is a time after parents and grandparents drop off their children at school and some have some extra time before they need to get on with their daily responsibilities. It has turned into a great opportunity for our people to invite their friends and relatives.

“You need prayer, I know!” said one of the ladies to her friend after dropping the kids off at school. “Why don’t you join me? I am going to church now, and we can pray for you!” After we reflected on the Psalm, her friend shared how she needed God to work in her family, and she also shared that it was the first time she had come to a church. She felt welcomed and heard. She has not visited again yet, but we look forward to seeing God work in her and her family.

This year’s Easter celebration was a lot of fun! We had many visitors (some who had first come to the prayer meeting) and some people from the street. We had a full house! And we shared a meal afterwards. It was an awesome time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

We are so thankful for all the challenges that bring us to depend more and more on God. We are in awe at how God is touching the lives of several people and working in their hearts. We are amazed that He wants to partner with us in reaching this area for Christ.



Fellowship after the Easter service



Easter Sunday



A barbecue at our house



Some of the IBBC church family

### Prayer Points

- Please pray for our church's spiritual growth and for leaders who could take on many opportunities to serve others.
- Please pray for Catalina who has indicated that she wants to be baptized, for God to continue to strengthen her faith and praise for Him working in her life.
- Please pray for health and encouragement. Our church family has faced several difficult diagnoses, and we are trying to encourage each one of

them the best we can, pointing them to cling to Jesus in the midst of trials.

- Please pray for us as you remember us, to grow closer and closer to God.

Thank you so much for your generous support in prayer and financially. We couldn't be here without your partnership.

Please continue to pray for us. I remind the church often that people they will meet someday are praying for us. I tell them that we are constantly supported in prayer by people who love them without knowing them personally.

All for Jesus!

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