

August 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Family and Friends,

Just this morning, we were wondering where our summer went. Did you also have big plans and high expectations of this summer? I always do.

We have had a summer with lots of activity. We've had several activities for our church to connect with each other and to invite friends and family. We've hosted a meal at our house where the church and their families came to spend time together. This past Saturday also our church went to the pool in a nearby town for a barbecue. Our prayer is that these events can be a continual witness to unbelieving friends and family, that faith conversations can lead to transformed lives.

We encouraged children from the church to go to a Christian camp near Barcelona. Because of various circumstances, only Donovan went this year, but we pray that next year more kids will have the opportunity to go and grow in their faith and invite their friends.



Church men and Pastor Chad



Church women

In July, I took one of the teens to a youth event in Lleida, which is about 30 minutes away, and we joined the Lleida church group in their study of Proverbs. (I didn't take any pictures, sorry!)

As a church, we also started going to the park to play soccer every other Sunday evening. We have had several friends and family members of all ages who have been able to join us. (No pictures for that either..., you don't really want to see us covered in sweat and dust, do you?). It has been a lot of fun, and a casual way to engage in conversation.

A couple of weeks ago at one of these games, I met a man that I hadn't seen since last summer's outreach. I was amazed that he remembered me! We were able to have a great conversation, and he has many questions about God that he would like to discuss with me. I believe God is working on his heart. Please pray that he will be soft toward the gospel and that God will give me the right words to point him to Jesus while he's wrestling with these questions.



July church meal



Women's study group

Together as a church we are studying the gospel of Mark this summer. We are using materials from Christianity Explored, which also has content in Romanian and Turkish, some of the heart languages of our congregants. They have been excited to see the studies in their own tongue, and we've gotten lots of positive feedback on the studies and sermons.

We've had several first-time guests over the past month! Some have Christian backgrounds, and others have questions about our faith. We pray for each of these that God will work in their lives in a special way.

Summer is not quite over yet; we will still enjoy the company of temporal workers before they move on to follow the harvest. We have had some for the second year in a row now, and also met new faces. These believers are a precious blessing to our church, and we get to witness how God is working through them in their families and in the fields.



Donovan at camp (in the blue shirt)



Celebrating at church

We have many things to prepare for September, and we appreciate your prayers as you remember the mission here in Spain. On September 9th, we are starting a Grief Share

group at our church. This is a Christ-centered ministry that provides opportunities for personal conversations, understanding grief and healing. We have several people in our congregation who are hurting and struggling in their loss, and my prayer is that they will be able to find relief in God's peace and comfort. I also believe that there is a need in our community for this ministry, and this is a wonderful way to share God's love to the hurting.

We are also hoping to kickstart discipleship groups with those who have shown interest. Please pray for those who have prepared to be "disciplers" as well as for those who are being disciplined. Engaging people in this way is one step forward to moving from a church plant to an independent church!

Big news! We are planning an international trip from October 24th to November 2nd to visit Minnesota, our ministry partners, family, and friends! We are super excited to participate in missions' events at our supporting churches. We hope to see many of you during that time. Here in Fraga, a pastor friend will cover for me the two weeks that we are gone.



Spanish barbecue



Bonding at church bbq

Prayer Points

- Pray for the remaining summer ministry, soccer games, and conversations we have to encourage people in their faith.
- Pray especially for these members of our church: Crema, Beatriz, Nic, Neri, and Nancy.
- Pray for these contacts: Ivan, José Antonio, Esau, and Eduardo
- Pray for the discipleship and grief ministries beginning in September.
- Pray for the arrangements (here and there) for our trip to the USA.

Please join us in praising God for the work He has done through this ministry this summer! There have been so many little ways we have seen Him at work, it would be hard to count them all! It is truly a privilege to work in this ministry, and it is a joy to partner with you to share the gospel here in Spain.

All for Jesus!

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