

The WRITSEL To SPAIN Family

Dear Pastors, Family and Friends,

April 2024



“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)

We have been blessed by everyone who has helped Elisabeth with her missions trip. **She is fully funded** and has **purchased all the airline tickets** necessary for the trip. Thank you so much for everyone who gave, and for those who prayed for this need. She is excited about the trip and will be sending out thank you notes to all who gave. We are looking forward to what God has planned for her while she is in Kenya.

March was another busy month. Thankfully we did not have many sick days. As the weather changes and the pollen begins to flow, we normally experience all that comes with that, but this past month has been a strange weather month. We had very spring type weather at the beginning and believe it or not we had snow to finish it off. The snow was here and gone within 2 hours but it was a spectacle watching everyone quickly put on cold weather gear and pull out sleds and shovels to play in the snow. We saw some trying to make snow men, it was fun to watch.

During this past month we focused all the Sundays on the Family. Each Sunday we spoke on different topics that focused our families on what God had to say. Larry was given the opportunity to preach on being a godly parent. It has been wonderful watching the people of the church growing with each service. We post all the messages on the church's YouTube channel, and the invitations we give out on Saturdays has a QR code linking them to that site. We have seen more and more people going to the site and watching the videos. While Bro Jhorddy and Larry were out visiting one Saturday, the people they spoke with said they knew where the church was, which was a huge blessing, but they also allowed them to speak about the gospel. Some days visitation is very dry, no-one wants to accept the invitation, and they certainly do not want to listen to the gospel, but God gives us grace and mercy and we get to see great days also. We are thankful to be serving an all knowing, all powerful God, who just wants us to serve him, and we get to see the increase that he provides.

Our children have been doing wonderful with Spanish. They have a unique opportunity to directly apply what they are learning in Abeka Spanish with their friends at church. Elisabeth is teaching the Sunday school class on Sundays. She enjoys preparing the lessons and helping the children see God's word come to life. Andrew has been asked to lead singing on Wednesdays and also on some Sundays. He is able to use what he is learning at piano practice to lead the music. It is wonderful watching him and Agustin, the pastor's son, serving together in the music part of the service. Lily is using her musical skills also, as she plays her cello every service and also plays piano for the offerings. They have all embraced serving where they can. God has blessed us with a place to serve him. Please continue to pray for our language training, and God's leading to plant a church in another location.

Some major traveling is about to happen this Summer. We have the BIMI European retreat in May. Brenda will be traveling to the States at the end of June to help Sarah with the baby on the way, she will be there until the first of August. Elisabeth will be in Kenya from the middle of June to the middle of July. Larry, Andrew and Lily will be staying in Spain, continuing to help in the church. We also have “jovenes campamento” in July. Larry will be a counsellor. To finish out the summer we will be at a workers retreat in northern Spain. Busy serving God. Remember God calls those who are already busy serving him, How are you serving God right now? He wants to use those who are willing, won't you say yes to him today?

Because Easter is on the last day of the month, we will report on this next month but we are excited to see visitors and God working in lives.

Prayer: Traveling, language learning, God's direction for my children, Nathan, Sarah, and baby Stahlman, Jereme, Cynthia, and Harrison, God's perfect timing in planting a new church.

Blessings: Elisabeth has finished her TEFL training, Brenda and the children are progressing well with piano training, April Larry begins teaching on Wed nights again.

Your Missionaries in Spain, The Writesel Family

GOD IS FAITHFUL, BY WHOM YE WERE CALLED UNTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD (1 CORINTHIANS 1:9).

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