

¹⁴ For the **love of Christ compels us...** ¹⁵ He died for all, so that all those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and was raised for their sake. 2 Cor 5:14-15

Dear praying friends,

June 21, 2020

We hope you are all well. We are busy packing, going through **18 years of memories** and giving away almost everything. We hope to be home on **July 7th**. We are progressing, but still ask for your prayers to finish well. Pray for us to **sleep** at night. God continues to work, and we wanted to share our last update from Spain and some of our goodbyes. We will write more, after we settle in Florida.



We met Jose Luis 8 years ago. He was my English student. He came to see us the other day and for the first time in knowing him, he told us that the Corona Virus had him **thinking about God**. That was great news. His wife Ester is an evangelical and his daughters (Iris, Noa) love Jesus. May the Lord continue to work in his life. This family have been very good friends to us. They invited us for one of our favorite dishes. Arroz al Horno (baked rice, potatoes, pork, tomato) It is delicious. Iris speaks excellent English, like her father. They pray for him every night. God is at work.

God is at work in Maria's heart. We finished our 7-week New Hope Bible study and it was a wonderful course to help her deal with her past heartache and trauma and to give it to the Lord. She also learned the importance of being part of the Church. We have been busy getting our students to find Spanish Christian friends to trust and confide in. Rebecca (missionary) and Mari Luz have agreed to love and help Maria. God just found her a new apartment and a new job. She is seeking asylum in Spain. God is also at work, getting her documents. She now smiles more frequently and said that God has never answered so many of her prayers. She has "New Hope."



Jessica was also in the New Hope group with Maria. She married Xinfei a year ago and they have lived with his parents. It has been rough. She just called very excited to say that God had answered their prayers and found them an apartment. She is a precious soft-spoken believer. The theme verse for the study was **Gen 50:19-20**.
¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "**Don't be afraid**. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but **God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, **the saving of many lives**. God saved us (spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally) and He wants to use us, to save many, by bringing them to Christ.

These precious Chinese students came to our home last week to say goodbye. All of them came to Christ because



Hermi brought them to our home. Only Wen, Megane's husband is not yet a Christian. Vera made a video for us and we cried watching it. God will take care of you, has been a special song for us through this time of transition. Vera thinks that Chris' name is Christ (with short "i") The first video was for us and the 2nd video we made for Hermi, to say thanks for her part in their salvation. Some of it is in Spanish. We sent it to Hermi. Please watch it to the end to see the English parts. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tIQb0J1GlunEFO-kZsMxsH06-chfJz9>

Li, Aaron, Vera, Wen, Megane, Xinfei, Jessica

Our GEM Spain leaders made us a memory book and other fellow missionaries contributed to it. It was wonderful!!! **To GOD be all the glory.** It is HIM in us, that has touched all of these lives over the years. It will be a special treasure for us. If you'd like to see it, I can email you a PDF of it. Just let me know. **Please keep our Spain workers in your prayers.** The virus has made having CAMP difficult.



Gerson has been our friend and attorney for 15 years. He has never charged us. His father is a pastor in a town south of Valencia. He also helps immigrants at Mission Urbana for free. He is helping Akin get his residency documents. They have been submitted to the government. Please pray for them to come quickly. Akin, at times, loses hope waiting. He will really miss Chris. He has taken over the "shower job" at MU. He hopes to travel home to **Nigeria** when he has his documents. Let's pray for that to happen for him. It has been 10 years since he has been there. NGOR, from **Senegal**, says that he wants to see us before we leave. That would be a 3-hour trip for him each way. He and Akin respect and love Chris, like a father.



Nadene is not well. The ambulance driver, who comes several times a week to give her shots for pain, says she doesn't have long. Hank is so exhausted. **Please pray for them.** Our leaving will be very hard for them and for us.

Our home church in Valencia (**Agustina de Aragon**) will have a farewell celebration for us this Friday the 26th. They are wonderful people who love the Lord and want to make Him known. We will miss them all. They have loved us like family over the years. I have enjoyed being part of the **praise team** there. Chris has served at **MU**, an outreach of our church and 7 other evangelical churches.

Our last ZOOM Saturday Bible study was yesterday. We were studying the life of Joseph. Hopefully, that will resume in the states, after we get settled in Jacksonville.

Our tentative retirement date is **Sept 30th**. We will need time to resettle. You all have faithfully supported us in prayer and financially over the years. If you could continue through August, that would be great. We are **humbled** by your love and kindness over the years. Because of your generosity, we could serve without concern for our finances. Sadly, that is not true for many missionaries. If any of you would **consider keeping your financial support in Spain**, we highly recommend our Spain leaders, **Derek & Mary Lynn**. Please contact us, **if** you would like information about them. We hope to see you all **in the fall**, on our tour through Florida.

We recently read: 'without meaningful goodbyes and effective closure, there can be no creative hello.' Victor Hunter Although, we are coming back to home territory, we want to "culturally say goodbye" to our friends and family here in Valencia. **Charo** and our **Pakistani friends** are taking great care of us.

Thank you for your love and prayers. You are special friends whom, we love dearly. **May GOD eternally bless your kindness. You have blessed us for so many years.** We are praying for you all and sending our love from Valencia,

Anita y Chris



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