



The Mustard Seed – Spring/Summer 2005

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World Team Spain Field Prayer Conference



You've read the invites to our Prayer Conference in Spain. Now we'd like to share a few highlights of the conference: **"See the Son in Spain."**

I (Jacob) particularly enjoyed the extra times of worship we had throughout the week. A short-term worker in Spain, Andrea Williams, said awhile back, "What this country needs is more praise!" I couldn't agree more. As we praised, learned, and prayed, I was encouraged to see the strength of God's "Sonshine."

Several Spanish leaders conveyed their insights of the Christian scene in Spain. I particularly enjoyed hearing José Pablo, working with the Billy Graham organization "Decisión," as he spoke about contextualizing the Gospel for the Spanish mentality. He noted at least two clear differences between the Anglo-Saxon and Spanish cultures: 1) Anglos respond better to rational and argument (4 Spiritual laws) and the Spanish respond more to experience, 2) Anglos tend to be more individual-minded (nuclear family) while the Spanish think more in a group fashion (extended family). These concepts challenge us to further consider the implications of our styles of evangelism.

Betsy Stolfus, conference coordinator, and one of our co-workers wrote, "As the participants gained first hand knowledge of culture and the current situation in Spain, they returned home with a better foundation to pray as well as share the vision of reaching this country with the gospel. One couple who participated in the conference had 50 prayer and financial partners to whom they will give a report. What a way to personally extend the prayer effort for this country and the labourers here!"

We'll definitely host another prayer conference in Spain! Maybe YOU could participate in the next one!

Reflections by Karen

Having just recently turned 40, I feel a bit like I'm cresting a hill; at the point where you cannot see anything that lays ahead yet turning around and looking behind is the overwhelming view of all that you have just passed by. Most of that view is wonderful, even beautiful. But some things you see and wonder how you missed it on the journey; wishing you had taken time to explore a little more. But there is no turning back; no journey that will take you to those places you wish you had gone or some you wish you hadn't.

Some people call it 'mid-life crisis' but I am seeking to rather call it 'a rest area'; a place to stop and reflect for awhile; to change any flat tires and fill up the tank, so to speak, in order to be better equipped for the rest of the journey; learning from previous mistakes and grateful for the blessings so graciously bestowed upon me along the way.

Struggling with shattered dreams and looking at the realities of my life gives me a chance to refocus and keep moving forward in the path I have chosen (the path I believe God has led me down) with a more grateful, thankful heart.

And as I reflect upon my life up to this point, I see God's grace so clearly covering me every step of the way. Many of the things I desired to do, I have done. Now, I want nothing more then to live the rest of my life focused on *being* what God created me to be.

There is more beauty to be enjoyed over the crest of that hill and as someone once said a long time ago; "forgetting what lies behind me, I press on towards the goal." After all, it is finishing well that really matters.

Prayer and Praise

- Laura McComb, a university student from Alabama, will be spending 2 months with us this summer. Pray that we will be a mutual blessing to one another and that her time in Spain will be enjoyable as well as fruitful.
- Luis Palau: An evangelistic event to be held in Madrid June 24 & 25. Pray for a fresh movement of the Holy Spirit and open hearts to receive such. Pray also for the follow-up!

Blessings and love,
Jacob, Karen, Megan and Carly Ginter

The kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants and becomes a tree. [Matthew 13: 31 &32](#)



Girl Talk



Field trip...by Megan

A little while ago my class and three other grades went to a concert. It was very fun and the music was great.

At the end of the concert, they played a famous song from a kid's show called 'Los Lunis'. The song is what they play at the end of the day to remind kid's that it's time for bed. It's called 'Nos Vamos a la Cama' (We're going to bed).

I hope next year we can go to another concert!

My dance class...by Carly

My dance class is a little fun and a little boring. It's fun because I have three friends there. It's boring because we always have to wait for the little girls.

We did a special dance for the end of school year party. It was a very hot day but the parents enjoyed it anyway. I was glad there were lots of drinks afterwards.

I plan to keep taking dance lessons next year too. But we older girls will probably be in a separate class. Then, we won't need to wait for the little ones anymore!