



## The Mustard Seed – Fall 2007

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### *Dear Friends and Family*

2007 has come and gone like a whirlwind for our family! We'd like to share a little of that with you!

#### **Transitions and Changes**

It seems that since we joined World Team over 10 years ago, our family has seen an ongoing string of transitions and changes. Studying in Costa Rica, returning to Canada for our various visits, changing locations in Spain – we've transitioned! Now we're in Canada for a 14 month home assignment, the first long-term visit back to Canada since 2000.

Each one of these changes has impacted our lives. Each scenario brings joy and pain. There's always a leaving and grieving just as there's always a future and a hope.

This particular transition has been difficult for me. Megan and Carly adjusted really well! Karen's doing well with all the school and church activities. But I've felt out of sorts, disoriented, and tired.

Recently I was reminded of a song by Casting Crowns called "I will praise you in the storm." That reminder triggered another thought from the devotional book "31 Days of Praise." Both thoughts revolve around the unique opportunity I have, right now, to praise God in this particular situation. One day I'll praise Him in glory! All will be well. All tears will be wiped away. All stress will be gone. All transitions will be weathered. However, at that point I won't have the opportunity to praise Him in the midst of struggle, trial, testing and storm. I can only do that right now. *That's what I want to do!*

#### **World Team in Spain**

In September of this year our team enjoyed its second annual retreat with the participation of Spanish church leadership. Gonzalo Soriano, a gifted speaker from the Aluche church in Madrid (and former Spanish Bible Society representative) addressed us on the topic of "Continuous Learning."

These retreats give us opportunities to learn together with our church leaders, allow us to share our vision, and invite them to hone our understanding of the culture and God's

work in Spain. I came away from that event so encouraged and blessed! Four different leaders, each from a distinct ministry context, expressed their enthusiasm and encouragement regarding the progress made at the retreat. "Interdependence," a World Team value, is certainly advancing on our field!

Another value, "Training and Releasing Leaders" also takes a prominent role in this year's focus. Craig and Ada Cook, our team-mates in Béjar (Western Spain), launched the first training course in our "Seminary in Every Church" program! Craig prepared and taught lessons on "The Gospel for the Believer." The turnout for these sessions was great, indicating a good start to the initiative!

#### **In Canada**

Our family is situated in Guelph, Ontario for the balance of the school year. Our address is noted above. We'll be contacting our supporters and friends, organizing a few "Spanish Paella Parties" and sharing in churches. I am also working at the World Team Canada office part-time. In preparation for a more strategic ministry Karen and I are also working through several personal development assignments. We desire to strengthen our support base, replenish our energy, connect with family and friends, and head back to Spain with renewed vigor and vision.

#### **Finances**

For a variety of reasons, we have suffered a shortfall in giving over the past 18 months. If you are interested in participating in this ministry through your financial gifts, please return the enclosed form, email or call the World Team office at 1-800-610-9788.

#### **Thanks!**

Thank you, for your prayers and support. Thank you, for your hospitality during our visits. Thank you, for your encouragement and love. Thank you, for standing with us as we work together with the Spanish church to see more people won to Christ, more people integrated into the church, and more glory brought to our Lord and Saviour!

Sincerely,  
Jacob, Karen, Megan and Carly

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