



The Mustard Seed – November 2009

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Back in Spain! *September*

After spending the past two years in Canada, we're thankful to be back in Spain! We so enjoyed our time with family and friends, and now we get to enjoy time with our friends and co-workers in Europe! God is so good; giving us relationships around the world provide so much enjoyment and development! He is good, and His generous love endures forever!

The first two weeks of September were spent adjusting to the new time zone, enjoying the warm Spanish sun, and zooming around trying to locate the "right" apartment! It was no easy task to find a place that met our family requirements. We finally settled on a spacious apartment in El Escorial, just 30 minutes north of our former location in Pozuelo. The 4th bedroom affords me (Jacob) an office, and the family room provides extra room for guests. El Escorial is an historic location, home to an impressive Monastery, commissioned by King Phillip II. El Escorial also boasts an Evangelical Seminary, SEUT (United Evangelical Theological Seminary), whose director, Pedro Zamora, completed his theological studies in Toronto. Quite interesting!

After settling on a place to live, we began the process of moving our items out of storage, and setting up shop. In the mean time, Megan and Carly began school at their new high-school. In Spain, high school begins in grade 7, and extends past grade 12. So, Carly, now 12, shares the building with students in their late teens and early 20s! One particular point of interest is that Megan has a classmate from England (her father teaches at SEUT), and Carly has a classmate whose parents are from Saskatchewan! What a small world!

October

As you will notice on the reverse side of this page, our Fall Retreat was a highlight for our family. Reconnecting with our teammates, catching up with what God's up to in all our lives, hearing reports of the forward movement in some of the ministries, and welcoming a new apprentice to our team proved to be a tremendous encouragement to us all. I (Jacob) was particularly impacted with the impression that God has been working faithfully in the lives of His servants in these past 2 years. This fills me with hope as we move into the future. Who knows what all

lies ahead of us? Three of our 4 sites indicated hope of beginning new cell groups as steps towards the foundation of establishing new reproducing communities of believers! That was exciting to hear!



Looking ahead

As we resume our roles in ministry, we continue to look to God for guidance and direction. This year our team has a reenergized focus on discipleship and leadership training. As we build into one another, and into the lives of those God brings our way, we genuinely expect to see God's Kingdom expand, to His honor and glory, and to the tremendous benefit of those whose lives are touched.

Financial Concern

While we came to Spain with a 100% of our support pledged, we are still lacking sufficient funds for ministry and travel expenses. Would you prayerfully consider joining our ongoing support team, or contributing with a one-time gift at this time?

Please Pray!

- THANKSGIVING! For a satisfactory decision regarding our location in the Madrid area
- For wisdom and steadfast focus in discipleship and training
- For sufficient financial support and for wisdom to administer the funds provided.

THANKS again, for your support of encouragement, prayer and finances. We KNOW that we are not alone!

*Blessings,
Jacob and Karen*

Visit our website – www.gintersinspain.org for regular updates and photos!

Hello everybody! Megan here!



GIRL TALK

So I guess by now you all know that we are officially back Spain. I have to admit, the transition was hard for me, but seeing everyone here again was definitely worth it! Soon after we got to Spain I was able to get together with my friends from our old complex, and I stayed in Pozuelo for several days. Since the 'fiestas' were in town, I went on several rides, seeing some of my old schoolmates while there.

Also, two weekends ago we had our fall team retreat, which was (as usual) a blast! It was so great to see everybody again, and to meet some of the new people on the team. It was great to share a room with Cristina, a friend (15 years old) from my childhood, and Sarai, the 13 year daughter of our Spanish team-mates, Juan Carlos and Tere.

I just noticed the other day that my school days are going by quicker. I'm glad for that. I have a girl from England in my class at school. We are slowly becoming friends... but, I am still adjusting to life here, and I would ask you to pray for me.

Thanks, Megan

Hey everyone... it's Carly

I have to say, for me the transition back to Spain has not been as hard as I thought it would be. Right from the first day of school, I've been able to make some friends. Now I hang out with a group of 3 or 4 girls each day during recess. It's been good! I also like my French class in Spain better than the one in Canada. I just think my French teacher is great, and we learn new things all the time.

I REALLY enjoyed our team retreat! We talked and laughed all weekend! It was awesome! On Saturday night, Jorge Mackh organized a great game, where we were divided into 3 teams and had to find clues from adult team members (who were dressed up like monks and chanted the clues to us) so we could find the treasure. Of course we all found it! I got to share a room with Makayla. It was great!

Bye, Carly

