



# The Mustard Seed – November 2010

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## Family Update

The new school year is well underway for Megan and Carly. Megan's homeroom teacher was so encouraging during the opening parent-teacher interview! Both girls are doing well in all their courses, and we are grateful for their opportunity to learn and prepare for the future!

Karen's niece, Arielle Hardy, chose to join us in Spain this September. She heads back to Canada at the end of November. What a joy to know her better through this interaction! Arielle studies Spanish with a friend of ours, and provides a willing helping hand around the apartment! Who knows what's ahead for Arielle? We know God has good plans for her!

## Activities Update

This fall has seen a steady stream of traffic through the Ginter household. Elena, a friend from Italy spent a week with us. We continue to guide her through telephone conversations as she seeks God's will. My interactions with Hans, a young man from Venezuela, continue to encourage me as I see his growth in faith and wisdom. We help each other in a variety of ways and are organizing a time to continue with formal bible study.



**Hans**

Our annual fall retreat was a great time of learning and connecting. Team-mates spoke of a deeper sense of team, and also referred to hopefulness for the

future. God is at work amongst us. Carl and Caroline Kishbaugh, Pastoral Care workers for World Team Europe, facilitated the retreat. We came away with a clear sense of themes we need to address as a group. Please pray for us as we integrate these ideas into our schedules, with a view to developing an even stronger sense of team even though we work in diverse areas.

I (Jacob) spend considerable time traveling to our various church planting sites. Recently, due to upcoming changes, Calatayud has been front and centre for us. Juan Carlos and Tere have transitioned out of their pastoral role in this church even though incoming replacements, Craig and Brenda Landrum only arrive in December. I was touched during my last visit to this church. A small group of 15 individuals met for the Sunday service. Prior to the service, I had the pleasure of teaching part of an ongoing

course, "How to Study the Bible." I was encouraged by the great questions and genuine interest of the study participants. Later, in the worship service, one older lady asked that we sing a song that, loosely translated, states, "Where would I be if you had not saved me?" I was touched, reflecting on where I would be had I not known Christ as my Saviour, and also moved as I thought of the thankfulness expressed by this woman, holding onto Jesus as her all in all. Please pray for this group and others like it. So many small groups of believers meet week after week, desiring to enjoy life in Christ in a society that still, in general, dismisses Christ from everyday life. To be honest, at times this frustrates me, and at other times it just breaks my heart. Like Jesus said, "... how often I would gather you to myself, like a mother hen her chicks..."

## **Finances**

Our finances have been steady this year, especially due to two churches in Spain that have helped with the travel budget.

However, we need additional help, approximately \$400.00 per month, to keep up with ministry expenses. Info on giving is included with this letter. We'd appreciate you considering us as you think about year-end giving, or even as you plan through monthly giving into 2011!

Finally, thanks to all of you who support us through prayer, finances and encouragement! And THANKS to God for his faithfulness, love and grace!

Serving Him in Spain,

*Jacob, Karen, Megan and Carly*



**Fall Retreat 2010**

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