



The Mustard Seed – February 2012

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Good-bye Spain – Hello Canada!

Transitioning from Spain to Canada was a bitter-sweet experience. We felt so loved by our friends and co-workers in Spain! Good-bye parties and visits, gifts, and sharing memories allowed us fantastic closure to this chapter of our lives.

Arriving in Canada, we settled into a 3 bedroom townhouse in Guelph. We're a 10 minute walk from Karen's mom. This location also gives us easy access to the highway, a relatively short bus ride for the girls to school, and a quick trip to our local church, Guelph Bible Chapel.

Although we still feel a little "out of sorts," Guelph feels more like "home" as time goes by. Karen suffered with some health issues in September and October, slowing our adaptation process. Aside from that, our little townhouse is becoming "home" to us more and more.

One clear benefit to living in Canada involves almost weekly family gatherings with Karen's family! Most Sundays find us at mom's, our house, or in Brantford at Karen's sister's place, laughing, talking and enjoying food together. We've also had the privilege of hosting family from Manitoba, when Peter & Irene Ginter visited us in September. These family connections replace some of the close relationships we enjoyed in Spain

New Role

Jacob's new role with World Team revolves around "mobilization" – with a goal to seeing more Canadians working in cross-cultural ministries around the world.

While this new role includes travel – to Manitoba, Warrington, PA, and even Spain – a large part of the time Jacob works out of the World Team offices in Mississauga, or connects with College students and local pastors in Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo and Cambridge.

The most exciting aspect of the mobilization role comes with the focus on Church Link. Through this effort, Jacob seeks to connect with the leadership of a variety of churches in an effort to stimulate the development of Church-Based Teams that will enter areas of the world with zero to little Gospel influence. Their goal remains the same as other World Team workers - establishing communities of disciples of Jesus Christ! I (Jacob) really

see this approach to mobilization as biblical – the initiative comes from local church leadership, the effort involves a greater degree of congregational participation, and the teams developed in this process have more in common – allowing for greater continuity in the ministry. That's exciting!

Christmas/New Year

Christmas Eve and Christmas day were spent with Karen's family here in Ontario. Megan and Carly participated in the Youth Drama at Church a week before Christmas, and Jacob was one of the readers in the Christmas Eve service.

Boxing day found us traveling through the US, with a stop to visit our good friends, The Cady's, in Chicago. We spent the balance of the vacation with Jacob's family in Manitoba. A highlight of the trip was the New Year's Eve service at Silberfeld CMC – what could have been the last such service at that particular church as the church family is relocating to new facilities in New Bothwell.

Funding

Through the course of our transition to service in Canada we have experienced a reduction in gifts to support the ministry of World Team. If you have the ability to assist in this area, we'd love to talk to you. Mobilization is vital to the overall service of World Team. With a view to bringing the Gospel to some of the 3500+ groups of people that still have no way of connecting with a local Christian church, World Team desires to enlarge its reach through an expanded work force. Donations are used to fund our cost of living and travel-related expenses. Let us know if you want to take part in this!

Prayer

- Pray for the World Team group of churches in Spain as they continue to reach others with the glorious Gospel of Christ (the team IS growing!)
- Pray for Jacob's ability to connect with individuals and churches God has prepared for involvement in cross-cultural ministry
- Pray for diligent & effective contact with potential supporters for this vital ministry

Serving for His glory,
Jacob, Karen, Megan and Carly

Visit our website – www.MobilizingCanadiansNow.org for regular updates!