



# THE MUSTARD SEED

Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers!

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## Praise n' Prayer

- **Praise - God has provided an opportunity to explore in Spain!**
- **Praise - Megan has a job for another year!**
- **Praise - God provided renters during our time in Spain!**
- **Pray for clear discernment**
- **Pray for current tasks to be completed in a timely manner**
- **Pray for World Team mobilization fruitfulness**

## New Role Exploration

Karen and I have been praying about direction for over a year. My personal sense of burnout in 2018 really made me wonder if I was putting my energy into what most suited my gifts, passions and calling in the context of the Great Commission.

Recently, during our trip to Spain, field leadership asked us to consider a role in serving four new church planting teams in Madrid province - encouraging, mentoring, and walking alongside them as they establish believers in Spain.

After prayer, discussion, input from others, and dialogue with leadership, we agreed to an exploratory service project: **Sept 15 - Dec 11, 2019!**

During this time we hope to discern our "fit" with this particular need, come alongside church planters in their efforts, and explore clear roles for our potential return to long-term service in Spain.



To be honest, we're really excited for this opportunity to serve in a way that could see new churches established in Spain, a country we've come to love dearly! At the same time, we're a little nervous about how this plays out. In our new state as "empty nesters" Karen is able to participate more fully in ministry elements, so our collaboration as couple, while exciting in itself, will require adaption for sure!

**We encourage you to pray for us during this time of transition and discernment.**

## Family Update

Megan returned to Canada July 2nd, and has already sent in her visa application for one more term of ESL teaching in Spain. She hopes to settle into Caceres in mid-August.

Carly continues her work at EB Games. While there are no changes in her role (she is assistant store manager), she continues to grow in her retail sales experience. She's excited to enjoy paid vacation as a full-time employee!

Karen's current focus is on the house. She and I are working to prepare the house for renters during our time in Spain. There's much to do!

I (Jacob) continue serving in mobilization, connecting with supporters, and tying off loose ends in my church (GBC) responsibilities.

## Stay in Touch!

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