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- Nurturing and developing people to be healthy spiritually, physically, emotionally, and relationally - because "care" is not just an emotional feeling word, "care" is a verb - an action. That's what we're about - developing and caring for people so they can live into their unique design and God-given purpose.

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Celebrate with us! We are celebrating our 6 year anniversary in Spain this month!

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What's up with the Kids?

Several folks asked about our boys and what everyone was up to nowadays. Getting to see everyone over this summer was so wonderful! So here is a little snapshot of what's going on with our little family:

Ryan is now 31. He is teaching AP Chemistry in Bryan Collegiate High School (Bryan ISD). He and Sara Jane live in Bryan.

Miles is 28. He and Hattie are living in College Station and he is a manager for Panera in Montgomery, TX (he would really love to be closer to B/CS for work!).

Lily (granddaughter) is almost 2 years old. She looks just like her daddy (Miles) and she is super smart! Maybe to smart for all of us!!!



"What I Did This Summer" By Laurie Drum 59th grade

School started back today, so for homework I have to write an essay on "What I did This Summer." It was a really long summer, so you might want to pull up a chair and get comfortable. A beverage would be a good addition to your reading time, too.



Sarah graduated from her compulsory studies in Spain in June. The school system is a little different in Spain, and students have obligatory coursework through the 4th year of secondary school, which is the equivalent of 10th grade in the USA. So, she essentially graduated after 10th grade. She now enters in to a two year "bachiller" program, which is only for students who are university bound. Because it is not compulsory, we now begin paying for books and certain parts of her schooling.



In mid-June, I (Laurie) traveled to Panama to join a team of TMS Global staff for two-weeks of training and development for new cross-cultural workers. Alongside some really great teachers and leaders, I helped to lead training for people from all parts of the world who are going out to serve all around the globe. It is always a

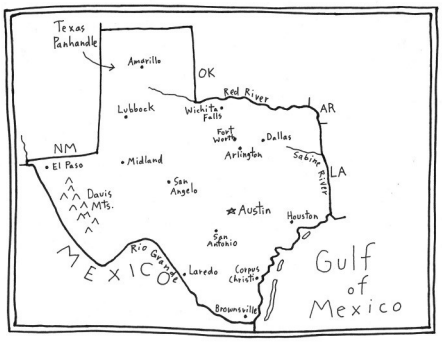
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humbling experience to realize that the work we do to help train and develop new workers will eventually impact places and peoples that I will never see or know. Just to give you a small idea, at this particular training, workers in the room represented Cuba, Panama, Nicaragua, Peru, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Spain, United States, and several parts of Asia. I'm positive that I have missed someone in that list. Just know - it was overwhelming to realize how many countries and cultures were represented. PS...it was hot - very hot. Panama is really hot and sticky in July.

Billy and Sarah traveled to Wales with the community choir from our town for a cultural exchange trip. They stayed in a family home in a small town. We will host that same family when they come to Spain for their time of cultural exchange in the Spring. Billy stayed on in Gloucester to take some classes and training with his Member Care cohort.

We traveled to the United States for a time of reconnecting with family and friends and visiting our supporting churches and partners. It had been two years since we had been in the States for any length of time (except for one quick layover that Billy had between flights last year) and we were ready to see our boys and granddaughter.



Here is our summer recipe for "Crazy Salad"

- Mix in heaping portions of family visits - grandmothers, mothers, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, adult children, and grandbaby. Be sure to share many meals and favorite foods, recreation activities, and lots of telling old family stories.
- Add in several church visits and partner visits to share the work and stories from Spain, and to say Thank You to all who partner in the mission. This includes Bryan, College Station, Dripping Springs, Navasota, and Wheelock. Each of these visits and stops includes copious amounts of food and sharing and laughing and crying.
- Add a LOT of driving! Drive from Colorado Springs to Wichita Falls to Arlington to Bryan/College Station to Waco to Wimberly to Dripping Springs to San Antonio to Round Top to Houston.
- Make sure to have a couple of side trips to see important cultural sites and teach Sarah about her Texas culture. Visit the Alamo. Float on the San Marcos River. PS...Texas is HOT! Ride horses. Go on a girl's trip to Magnolia Market at the Silos. Stop at Bucee's a few times along the road. Of course, several important foods needed to be consumed - foods we do not get in Spain...chicken fried steak, barbeque, crawfish etouffee, La Casita!, Gram's banana pudding, fried okra, everything spicy and deliciously TexMex.
- Sleep in no less than 14 different places and beds and live out of a suitcase for two full months.

It has been a long, busy, fun, exhausting summer. So glad we did it! (Hope I get an A on this essay - it was a long summer!)

















Just a few photos from our summer… From top L to R: Sarah's graduation, Billy's Spanish choir performance in Wales, Billy and Sarah with their host family in Wales, Laurie and the new CCW training in Panama, Drum five generation photo, Laurie and Billy with CUMC choir, a visit to the Alamo, visiting the Mitchells in Round Top.

Please join us in prayer and praises:

We are honored by your faithfulness to partner with us in prayer for the things that we see happening in the world and for the ministry that we partner in with you. Thank you for laboring with us!

- **Pray for our fall schedule.** Four of the six adults on our team have been gone all summer and it is now time to get back in to our routines in Spain, back to ministry in La Mesa Turquesa, and back to some normalcy. Pray for our teammates who stayed in Spain all summer holding down the fort… may they be blessed with rest and a time of renewal as our team reunites.
- **Pray for us** as we have some changes in roles and responsibilities starting in September. Time to find new rhythms and new ways to do our work. Pray for us to find ways to have healthy rhythms of family and work, as well as physical and spiritual renewal and well-being.
- **Pray for Sarah** as she begins a new season in her schooling. She now enters in to a two year university prep phase, which requires a more strenuous study schedule. She is also gearing up in her equestrian training and competition, which will require more time working with her mount and her trainer.
- **Praises for all the wonderful people who hosted us** over these last two months! They opened their homes and gave us beds to sleep in, they put food on the table, and they shared life and fun times with us. Thank you for your hospitality!!! We appreciate the gift of "home" more than you could ever know! **Irene, Margaret and Ray, Kristin and Jeff, Midge and Betty, Ernie and Marilyn, Donna and Michael, Jim and Ginny, Ron and Amanda, Lana and Jerome**