August 2021

Kingdom Mosaics from Spain

Monthly News
And Updates for
Partners of
The Drum Family



"Biggie" and Lily spent a lot of time laughing together in College Station. Grandchildren are awesome!



We visited our son, Ryan and his love, Sara Jane in Denver!



Miles and Lily (son and granddaughter)



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With Acts 1:8 Intentionality

We just finished a 6 week trip to the USA—our first travel since January 2020. After vaccines and COVID tests and jumping through all the hoops for international travel to the USA, we were finally able to come back to the States after our long lockdown and many restrictions over the past many months in Spain.

Part of this trip to the USA was spent training new cross-cultural workers in preparation to launch them to places all around the globe. We trained 22 new workers who will now be launching to places like Ghana, Thailand, Kenya, Albania, *the Middle East, Kosovo, and other locations. They will be working in schools, non-profits, leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, racial reconciliation work, diaspora ministries, medical fields, and others.

Meanwhile, the work continued in Spain during our absence, with our volunteer team manning the La Mesa Turquesa community center while we were away. They continued to teach Spanish classes to immigrants and new arrivals in our town, as well as connecting local people to new friends and helping people acclimate.

Billy is gearing up for the work of La Posada this Fall, training and caring for cross-cultural workers and people in ministry. He will be leading a 10-day men's retreat on the Camino de Santiago in October. He and his team will also be leading trainings and workshops on Trauma Competent Care, leadership and discipleship in the wilderness, self-care workshops, burnout care, and more.

Laurie is now switching gears after finishing the annual big training for new workers this summer. For the rest of this year, she will be leaning in to planning the curriculum and program for the global gathering event that TMS Global will hold in January—an event that will bring over 200 workers from around the globe together for continued leadership development. She also has several training modules and programs that are in the works and will be

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rolled out in the next few months.

Our team will finally reunite in September in Spain after spending several weeks in the USA seeing partners and visiting churches, family, and friends, and begin the process of reassessing our local work with La Mesa Turquesa and Nueva Vida Mosaico. We will be setting plans in motion for the upcoming ministry year (Septmember 2021-August 2022). We have several new ideas on the drawing board!

Sometimes, all of this sounds chaotic… like we are everywhere at once! Trust me—sometimes it feels like that, too! It takes coordination and focus and a good understanding of what our goals and values are so that we can remain intentional to what we are called to do. We feel strongly that we are called not only to local work (for us, local is our community in Spain), but also to international outreach (the ends of the earth). Jesus called all of us to that model, and we feel that we are no exception.

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Jesus said these words to his disciples just before he left this earth. And since Jesus' words are pretty important, we tend to pay attention.

By specifically naming these places, Jesus is saying several things.

- He says that we should be reaching out to those closest to us—local outreach. For us, that is our neighbors and our community in Spain. We are intentional about loving our neighbors well, about serving in our local church and community, and about helping those who are new to our community find ways to meet their neighbors and build relationships.
- He also says that we should be reaching out to those who aren't like us regionally or culturally, those who are considered 'outsiders'. We do this by working with and for refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers at La Mesa Turquesa, and reaching out to the at-risk and most vulnerable in the community and beyond.
- And He says we should be reaching out to the ends of the earth. We should be actively seeking to have witness around the globe. We do that by working to train and develop new cross-cultural workers who go out to literally the entire globe and serve their local communities. We have a ripple effect that reaches out to more than 50 countries! We are training up leaders who are going forth and reaching people of many nationalities and ethnicities, ages and occupations.

You can be a part of this great Acts 1:8 ministry mandate!

- **Get involved locally!** How are you loving your neighbors? How are you serving your local community?
- **Get involved with those who are different from you, or who are 'the outsiders'!** How can you support those who need an advocate? How can you help someone who is on the fringes of society because of where they came from, or their economic status, or their job (or lack of one)? Is there an at-risk youth ministry that you could give to? Is there a homeless outreach that needs your help in some way? Are there children who need a mentor? Is their a local food bank that could use a donation or a helping hand? Could you invite some international students to share a meal in your home? Who is feeling like they are 'outsiders'? How can you bring them 'in'?
- **Get involved internationally!** Connect with a ministry that is reaching the nations. Donate. Get to know the cross-cultural workers and what they are doing. Pour in to those workers and help them feel connected and loved, so that they can continue to reach the nations and share the Kingdom of God with the world.

Ripples… what ripples are you sending out? Locally, and to the ends of the earth?

Photos from a very busy summer!!!

















Top: We spent 3 weeks in North Carolina leading an intensive training to prepare new cross-cultural workers to launch to their fields this fall and winter. The curriculum consists of 90+ hours of training in 4 different curriculum threads. Laurie is the Director of Training and Formation for TMS Global and leads training for all of the CCWs serving around the globe. Billy was a training facilitator for the Care Thread of the curriculum, leading sessions on holistic self-care, theology of risk, conflict management and resolution, theology of suffering, and more.
Left (above horse): La Mesa Turquesa continues to hold community cultural events and lead language classes for immigrants and refugees.
Left bottom: Sarah spent the summer working at the Equestrian Club and finishing her practicum for her current certification. She is also training a young horse to compete in Eventing. She begins a new round of studies in September to prepare for the next certification in her degree plan.

Please join us in prayer and praises:

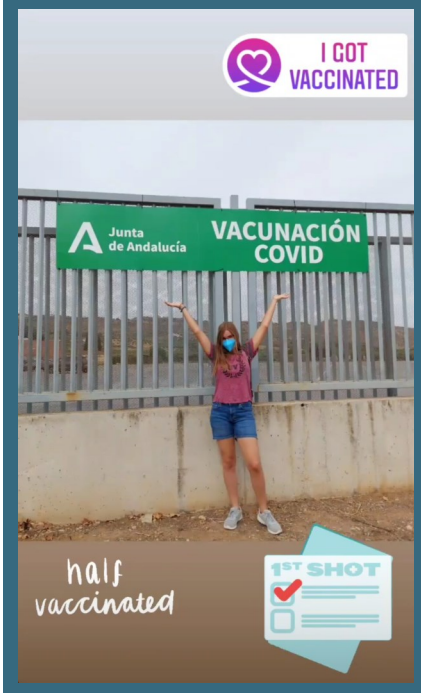
Pray for rising numbers of positive COVID results and the many variants sweeping Europe and other countries.

Pray for Sarah as she begins a new season of coursework and training. Also pray for her to have confidence as she steps forward in her studies and "what's next".

Pray for our team as we reevaluate our work and figure out how to move forward after the loss of two of our team-mates.

Pray for La Mesa Turquesa and the people who regularly use the center. We will be closed in August (as are most businesses in Spain) and reopen in September.

Praises that Sarah was finally eligible for the vaccine! She has received the first dose and will finish with both doses by the end of the month.



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- Our greatest desire is to see people become who God created them to be and to live in to their purpose. We believe that everyone has value. Everyone has talents, skills, and unique abilities. We want to see that come alive!
- 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.

Become a Partner! We would love to have you on our team!

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