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Upcoming calendar events, Prayers, and Praises:

We're coming to Texas!!!

- Feb 18-22 - Bryan/College Station
- Feb 23-25 - Rowlett, TX
- Feb 26-27 - Quitman, TX
- Feb 28 - Pittsburg, TX
- Feb 29-March 9 - College Station / Brazos Valley area

Special Events:

⇒ Visiting Pittsburg UMC Wednesday, Feb 28 at 5pm

⇒ Christ Church College Station Sunday, March 3

⇒ Navasota meal at La Casita date TBD

⇒ More dates still available!!! If you would like to have us visit your class, or you would like to host a get together or a dinner or dessert date, or just go get coffee and catch up - send us a message or shoot us an email! We aren't in TX for a long time, but we want to see everyone!!!

Prayers and Praises:

- Continued prayers for Laurie's knee recovery. It has been a long rehab process and she's ready to get back to walking and doing her normal activities.
- Prayers for a very full calendar and season of ministry and travel.
- Praises that Sarah is well and working and doing what she loves.

We're Coming to Texas!!!

We are excited to be headed back to our beloved Texas in February! This trip is specifically for what we call "home assignment" - visiting with our partners and churches and a time of updating our donors and all who support the work we do in Spain and around the globe.

It is always exciting to go "home" for a bit—to see friends, to go to some of our favorite places, eat our favorite foods, and do all of the fun things that we associate with being back on familiar ground.

Being back in Texas also comes with some difficulties. Many things have changed and it sometimes doesn't feel familiar at all; it feels quite foreign. Many of our friends and neighbors have moved away. Our home church has changed looks, changed buildings, changed schedules and routines, changed leaders… even changed names… and that can leave us feeling a little disoriented and off balance. People have also changed (as have we). Some are greyer, some are thinner while others are thicker, everyone is older. While you may see each other often and the changes are less noticeable, sometimes those changes make it hard for us to recognize faces quickly. So, while we are always excited to go back and visit and see everyone, it comes with the knowledge that this can sometimes leave us confused and needing some help to navigate it all. If you see us looking a little frazzled or a little lost or a little perplexed, please do not hesitate to take us by the hand and guide us along. Or give us a hug and reassure us. We will gladly take your encouragement and help!

Special prayers for our trip:

- Safe travel with smooth connections. Pray for no jet lag!
- We are leaving a relatively new team behind for several weeks.

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- We are leaving Sarah behind as she is working and in the midst of competition season.
- Pray for our dogs (being boarded). I know that sounds silly to many, but they are older pups and don't do so great when we are not home.
- Pray for our finances. The cost of travel and the extra costs in the USA (hotels, food, transportation, etc) come as a double expense when we still have to maintain the work and ministry in Spain while we are gone.
- Pray for our ability to continue to work (remotely) and do ministry while we are on the road and visiting in Texas.
- Pray that we can visit with all the people who we hope to see, that we can have deep conversations, that we can laugh and have fun and enjoy the relationships that we have waited so long to see in person!

*IMPORTANT! If you want to try to get together for dinner or coffee, please send us a message or an email! See our calendar dates on the front of this newsletter for and idea of when we will be in what cities. We would love to hang out with you! And extra points and jewels in your crown if you host a dinner or dessert or coffee time with several people! Just let us know and we'll try to work something out.

Can't wait to be back in Texas!!!! Blue Bell and good Mexican food and chicken fried steak and barbeque… and maybe some bluebonnets and a visit to Aggieland? Oooo… I can't wait!



Deadline extended!

If you are a young adult aged 21 and up and you are exploring a call to mission and ministry, this trip is going to be EPIC!

Join The Drums and their team for 6 weeks in Spain! You'll spend two weeks walking the Camino de Santiago for a spiritual formation retreat.

After the Camino, you'll spend lots of time traveling to some of the most significant historical sites in Southern Spain and learning about the culture and history of the area and how religion has shaped this country. Learn all about the history of the Muslims, Christians, and Jews and how it effects the church today.

And finally, you'll spend time in Antequera, Spain - home to Laurie & Billy Drum and their team of cross-cultural workers. You'll get to spend time learning with the team, sharing in life and community together, and seeing what the daily work of a cross-cultural worker really looks like.

If you are interested in joining us, SIGN UP SOON! The deadline has been extended to February 12th. We would love to have you!!!

Contact laurie@tms-global.org or billy@drumsforchrist.org for more info, or use the QR code on the flyer.

Opportunities to join in and learn more...



Join us on a 11-day men's retreat (May 8-18, 2024) as we walk part of the historic pilgrimage of The Camino de Santiago. We will spend 11 days in northern Spain walking together on a portion of this ancient route. Depending on trail conditions and weather, we will be starting our route in the city of St. Jean Pied de Port, France and be following the Camino Frances crossing the Pyrenees and continuing through to Logroño, Spain*.

Your guide for this adventure will be Travis Curry. Travis has experience walking the Camino de Santiago and has been a Men's Camino Retreat participant with La Posada a few times himself.

The price for this retreat will be $550 and includes your accommodations while on the Camino, an experienced guide, Pilgrim's credentials, La Posada's Camino prep guidebook, and pre-retreat virtual meetings with your group. Go to our website to learn more! https://www.laposadaspain.com/events.html#/

Hurry! Limited spaces available and going fast! Trip reservations close April 15th.

For more information, contact Billy Drum at billy@drumsforchrist.org or billy@laposadaspain.com



Are you **passionate about missions and want to learn more serving others**? Or, Are you **a pastor, church, or ministry leader** and feel like a new look at culture with new eyes would be beneficial to you as you lead your community in a diverse world? Then we have an amazing opportunity for you!

In Summer 2024, we are offering a 7-day version of our mission training. All the core curriculum, all the great community, all the depth, AND all the fun served up in a special 7-day intensive. Join other pastors, ministry workers, church leaders, and people who are interested in mission as we come together to learn how to reach the nations and serve in culturally appropriate ways.

This training is lead by Laurie Drum, Director of Training and Formation for TMS Global. Your facilitators are all highly skilled and trained in cross-cultural ministry and have lived and served in countries all over the globe.

Training topics include:

Theology of Mission	Incarnational Ministry
Cross-cultural communication	Worldview
Discipleship in Multicultural Contexts	Self-Care and Burnout in ministry
Multifaceted Gospel Perspective	Core Ministry Strategy
Cultural Observation	Community Care Model
Discovery Bible Study	Understanding Conflict
The Gospel in Context	Daily worship & scripture study

Where: Asbury Theological Seminary campus in Wilmore, Kentucky

When: June 23rd - June 30th

Cost: $975 double occupancy, all meals included

Lodging at the Asbury Inn and Suites on campus. We already have a room block reserved for us. Limited rooms available, so sign up with us soon to save your room!

If you are interested, please contact Laurie at laurie@tms-global.org for all the details and let's get you signed up! We would LOVE to have you join this special opportunity to learn together!

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- Our greatest desire is to see people become who God created them to be and to live into 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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