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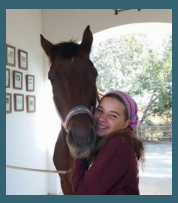
Love Well



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Love Sarah Well



Many of you shared your prayers and love with us as we grieved the loss of Sarah's best friend, Rompeolas. Sarah saved her birthday money and Christmas money for 10 years with only one goal in mind—to buy a horse of her own. In Spain, that dream came true when Sarah bought a beautiful, well-trained Anglo-Arabian horse named Rompeolas (Wave Breaker). Together, they trained and competed in show jumping and spent countless hours together in the country. Sadly, in February, the vet began seeing signs of a liver issue. By March, our beloved Rompeolas was suffering and losing weight and the vet announced that there was nothing more that could be done—she had to be put down. Moments later, we were saying tearful goodbyes to a dear member of our family. Many of you sent condolences and said to let you know when Sarah would be ready to find a new horse. If you would like to be a part of getting Sarah back in the saddle, you can send gifts electronically to **https://paypal.me/billydrum** and we will give your gift to Sarah.

Furlough is a four-letter word

fur·lough

[ˈfərlō]

NOUN
leave of absence.
a temporary release from a place of employment.

Most overseas workers, be they humanitarian aid workers or military people or folks like us, have a designated time period every so often when they are released from their station. In some workplaces, this time is called "furlough". Because most people have only used that word in the military sense, it conjures up the mental picture of rest and relaxation and soldiers on vacation. Allow us to share what furlough is for us.

Furlough is a four letter word.
Actually, furlough is a series of four-letter words.

Rest: Yes, this is a time of rest for us. Rest from our normal routines and roles. In a perfect world, we will have actual physical rest during this time. But we all know that this isn't a perfect world. So rest takes serious intentionality and planning and work.

Work: We actually do have to take care of some business and work while we are in the States. Our **care** roles have not stopped, because people don't stop needing care while we are in Texas. Billy continues to meet with his coaching appointments and counseling calls via Skype. We continue to work with the Member Care Team and the TMS Europe team. And we keep touch with the work and relationships we have back in Spain. We even continue to **host** people in our home.

Host: While we are in Texas, we are also hosting a family in our home in Spain. They are on sabbatical from the work they do in Ethiopia, and we offered them our home as a place to escape and rest during the summer.

Chat – Meet: This is a time of meeting up with people, going out to lunch or dinner or out for coffee. It's a time of reconnecting with friends and partners. It's a time for long chats over good food and drink. It's a time of laughter around the dinner table. And it's a time to meet new friends.

Team: This is also a time for us to meet with our existing team – the people who partner with us

financially and prayerfully, the people who are the backbone of the ministry. Without these heroes, we could not do the work we do! This is a time for us to speak to the church congregations that support us and a time to meet with the individuals who partner with us, to hug necks and say thank you and share the stories from the field. It is also a time to **find** new partners, a time to **meet** new people and share the vision and the work and **give** people the opportunity to **join** us and become members of the best team around!

Road / fuel: While we are in The States, we are not static. We have friends and family and partners all over the place! The home office is in Atlanta. We have family from Colorado to the tip top of Texas to all the way down to the coast and everywhere in between. We have ministry partners in even more places than we can count. And we do not own a vehicle. Thanks to a wonderful friend and team partner, we have a truck on loan for our time here. We cannot take a loaned vehicle to all the places we know folks, so we are consolidating visits to keep the mileage down and the fuel costs lower. Even so, we will log at least 2500 - 3000 miles in our few weeks here. Thank goodness fuel is cheaper here than in Spain!!!

Help / give back: This is also a time to help and to give back to our community and to the churches and people who are so faithful to our team. A couple of our partners are active in local missions and have asked us to visit and to help them by giving them a different set of 'eyes' on the situation. We are helping to facilitate some coaching conversations around next steps for those local groups.
Bottom line – our time in the States is not exactly a time of release from work. Is there any time for **rest** and **play**? Yes. We have carved out time each week, time that we have intentionally protected and put boundaries on so that we can get some rest and some down-time. We have a great partner who hosted us at their ranch in the country for a couple of days, and we will be headed off for a few days of Texas country time in North Texas next week. We were in the USA for the 4th of July for the first time in ten years, so we took advantage of time to enjoy picnics and fireworks.

Body: Our bodies are paying for all this USA food! Texas barbeque, good hamburgers, Mexican food, and Blue Bell ice cream. It's all just too good, and comfort food is usually not great for the waistline. PS…it's HOT here! Like, ridiculous hot! Our daily walk and exercise routine has taken a major hit due to heat and humidity.

Haze: If we look like we are walking around in a haze, we probably are. Things feel a little fragmented during this time. Our normal routine is off. We're trying to juggle family and friends and speaking and work roles. For some reason, everything seemed to hit crisis mode just as we packed to come back to the States. Our water well at our home in Spain is at a critical state – it's almost dry. Our landlord was murdered the day before we left. We are hosting people in our home in Spain while we are 5000 miles away. Our sons here both have their own issues with vehicles and jobs and living arrangements. Both our mothers are moving households. None of those things are within our control, but that doesn't make them less stressful. There is a lot on our plate, and trying to balance that with meetings and speaking to groups and get some rest and renewal… it's just proving to be a little difficult. **Busy is not good for the soul. Fear is not good for the soul. Stress is not good for the body for the soul.** So, yeah, we might look a little hazy.

Love: We love Texas. We love our families. We love our team and our partners and all the folks we represent, the people who pray for us, the people who recognize us and run over and hug our necks. We love being here. We also love Spain. We love our friends and our church family there. We love our leadership development work. We love caring for people in far away places, people who put their life and love on the line every day for the sake of others. This time of 'furlough' is about telling the stories, about sharing with friends and family, about being present and listening. And, as always, it's about LOVING WELL.

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This Month's Prayer Requests

Please pray for us as we spend time in Texas to reconnect with family and friends and partners. Pray for us to find restful times, to find playful times, to find productive times, and to find times of clarity. Especially pray for us to love others well!

Pray for Sarah as she navigates her time in The States as a child who was not raised in this culture and does not call this 'home'.

Please pray for our friends and family back in Spain as they continue life and work in our absence. Pray for the TMS Global workers whom we care for and serve around the globe. Pray for our refugee friends as they continue their journeys, some of them continuing forward with visas and new hope, some of them being deported and returning to uncertain futures and tough lives of persecution.

Furlough looks like:



Hosting dinner with friends



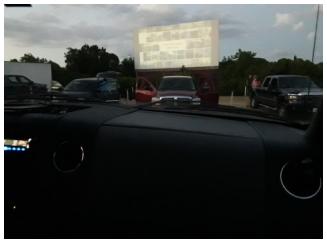
Texas time!!!!!



Celebrating the 4th of July!



Visiting with partners



We took Sarah to the drive-in!



Speaking at church



Time with Miles and Hattie



Time with Ryan



Sarah & both grandmothers



Celebrating Mom's 70th!



Lunch with Navasota Friends!



Reuniting with best friends



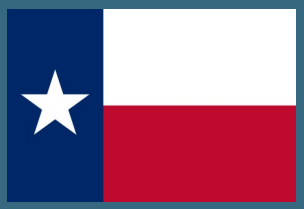
Reunited with Mission Peru folks



Reunited with Mission Spain team

There are so many other people we have visited with, dinners we have attended, groups we have celebrated with and laughed with, and coffee times we have cherished. There is no way to share a photo of everything and everyone. It has been a fun few weeks, with more fun and more visiting and more memories to be made in the weeks that remain before we return to Spain.

We want to see YOU! Send us a message, give us a call, or shoot us an email and let's get together!







Summer of Reconnecting!

It's a whirlwind of a summer for us! We left Spain on the day Sarah finished school (June 23rd) to come to Texas. We will be here till August 21 (we only come home once every two years).

Then, on August 22, we are headed to our other 'homeland' - PERU! We haven't been back in 5 years, so we are super excited to go visit our old village and see all of our Quechua friends, find the girls who used to teach with us in Kuyay Talpuy, and see all of our friends and family in the Andes. It will be a special time of reconnecting and encouraging them in their continued growth and service.

Then it's back to Spain in time for school to start. Sarah will begin her 3rd year of secondary school (the equivalent of 9th grade in the States). We will be back to work doing leadership development and care ministry.