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- Sharing the Love of Christ with the least, the lost, and the left out… immigrants, displaced peoples, the lonely, the abandoned, those who need a friend. Walking alongside our neighbors.
- 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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Life after Lockdown in Spain

It has been 3 months since our lockdown in Spain began. Spain had the toughest lockdown restrictions in all of Europe and the surrounding areas. It was no fun, trust me!

We are now beginning to open up slowly. We still have very specific protocols in place and many restrictions. But little by little, we are feeling some new freedoms. We can now leave our home and go to stores (what has happened back up) or freely take walks within town with no hour restrictions. Churches and public gatherings are still restricted to 50% capacity, but in many cases, the other protocols necessary to open make it so restrictive that it has prohibited places from resuming activities yet. Restaurants are beginning to open, but with 50% capacity and tables must be 6 feet apart. No menus— only single sheet paper copies that can be thrown away after use. Masks are mandatory when outside your home… even in your own car, you must wear a mask. Travel is still restricted to within our own area. Travel within the country will not open back up until later this month. Borders are still closed. International travel is closed and in hot debate. Many European countries are not yet willing to allow travel from outside the EU. Some have already banned the USA for the rest of the year! We'll have to wait and see how that progresses.



La Mesa Turquesa is Open Again!



After many weeks of strict lock down and confinement, we have finally passed to a new freedom! On March 13th (Friday the 13th, of course!), our La Mesa Turquesa team was putting the final touches on another big cultural food event. We were planning a Brazilian Culture Night, and many Brazilian immigrants had big plans to attend and share food, music, and culture with their new neighbors in Spain. Combine Brazilians with music and food and you have a serious party brewing!!! However, coronavirus was rapidly taking hold of our country and precautions were getting more and more serious. Our team made the difficult decision to cancel the event, fearing the numbers of people who would attend and the possible implications of having that many people crowded in to our tiny community center. It proved to be the right decision - two days later, the government effectively shut down the entire country and plunged Spain in to the strictest lock down and quarantine measures in all of Europe.

We spent many weeks in our homes, cut off from our work and the community that we had worked so hard to foster among immigrants and asylum seekers and their Spanish neighbors. Many of the people we work with do not have access to internet in their homes. Many do not have cell phones with data plans. Many live in one-room apartments and are dependent upon social services for food or other needs. How would they make it through the long weeks of confinement? What would happen to our communication and connections without internet and cell phones and texting? How would we keep in touch? Would we lose everyone and start again from ground zero? What about our people who are learning language and depend upon our classes and conversation groups for support? We have spent many days and weeks worrying about our friends and what life after quarantine might be like.

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At the end of May, we had a small break in our restrictions and began to be allowed to leave our homes for one hour each day for a 1 kilometer exercise walk. During that time, we saw one of our La Mesa friends walking in the street in front of our home. It was so exciting! I'm sure our neighbors thought we were nuts as we hung over our balcony waving and yelling to our friend in both Spanish and English (she speaks a Slavic language and mixes English and Spanish together to get her point across... it's a hoot!).

Just this week, we have been able to reopen the community center. We are still under specific restrictions and safety protocols, but we were able to reopen for two hours each day. Masks are mandatory - a government rule. And our maximum number of people who can be in the building at one time is twenty.

Yesterday, we began with Spanish language classes and we had a full house! We were super excited to see our friends return!!! Friends from Nigeria, Ghana, Brazil, Slovenia, England, and other countries came for their Spanish support classes. You may remember the twin babies that were born here last year as their mother sought asylum... they came to class with Mom and they have grown like crazy! They learned to walk during quarantine and they are now in to EVERYTHING! Say a little prayer for their mom! Can you imagine being a single mother of twin babies, locked down in quarantine in a one-room apartment with only a mattress for furniture? No internet. No TV. No one to give you a break or babysit or help with two one-year-olds learning to walk? Yet this woman NEVER loses her smile and she is always laughing and bubbly and loving those babies.

Continue to pray for the work of La Mesa Turquesa and our team as we reconnect to friends and neighbors and rebuild what was closed down for so long. Three full months of locked doors and no communication with the people we minister to has been so hard on all of us. Pray that we find everyone again, that we find new ways to navigate restrictions and safety protocols, and that we continue to foster connection and love our neighbors well.

If you would like to partner with La Mesa Turquesa and be a part of this work for neighbors and community...

La Mesa Turquesa runs on a shoestring budget. Currently, it costs us $675 monthly to keep the doors open (rent and utilities). Add another $75 for supplies per month (coffee, cookies, water, etc.) We have partners who are covering $450/month. The rest comes out of our pockets. We need some partners to make up the $300 difference each month. Can you help? Could you or your small group partner with us for some of that amount each month? Your provision makes it possible for people to learn language and culture and build relationships with neighbors as they learn to make a new life in Spain. To help us:

TMS Global link (online giving) - be sure to check the box to make your gift recurring each month. Go to https://www.tms-global.org/partners-and-projects/details/refugee-community-center

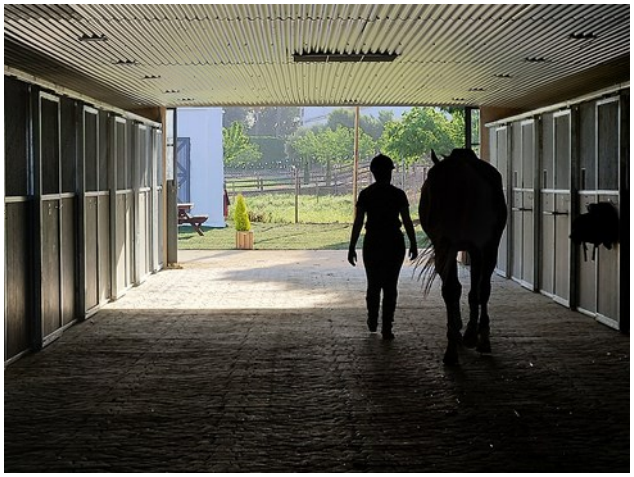


Even the statues in town are complying with the new mandatory mask ruling!



Our town closed off main street so restaurants could spread out tables and comply with safety protocols.

And She's Off! Sarah is moving on...



We cannot even believe it, but Sarah is headed for greener pastures - literally! She leaves at the end of this month to begin her new realm of studies at one of the most well-known and highly recognized schools in Spain in the field that she will be studying. She's going to spend two years working on her certification and qualifications for ***TÉCNICO DEPORTIVO EN HÍPICA.*** In English, she will be a Professional Sports Technician dedicated to Equine Sports. In Spain, this is an official professional certification that anyone working in the world of horses and training and equine sports must have. It involves books and books and books of theory and anatomy and equine science, loads of classwork and lecture, and daily practicum in the arena and stables with horses.

Are we ready? Absolutely not! Is Sarah ready? Most definitely yes! This is her heart and she is following her love. She would eventually like to go in to the field of Equine Assisted Learning or Therapy. This is an essential step toward that goal.

So, she's headed out in two weeks. She'll be studying at CAVA (Centro de Adiestramiento Victor Alvarez) in the North of Spain, near Girona. She'll be about 30 minutes from the border between Spain and France. For our USA friends, the distance that she will be from home will the the equivalent of the distance between Amarillo and Corpus Christi, Texas - 660 miles. Literally the same as being on complete opposite sides of TEXAS! So, yeah... she's going to be far from home. Billy keeps saying that he'll just rent an apartment and stay up there near her. She just rolls her eyes - she's not having it. Like I said, she's ready to follow her dreams. We're just not ready to be apart from her.

Pray for Sarah, for her transition, for her good-byes and all that will be changing in her life very soon. She admits to being a little nervous about feeling lonely and being on her own, having to cook for herself, and having to make new friends. And, she is leaving a boyfriend behind. Please lift her up and think of her in the coming weeks.

If you want to help Sarah with her new venture...

Sarah has new education needs. If you would like to help her with the costs of her studies or with the things that she will need to relocate both herself and her horse and set up her little studio room at school, you can help in these ways:

- TMS Global account link (online giving via credit card). Go to https://www.tms-global.org/give In the "Give to a Worker" section, type in the amount and Account #0321 and our name. The GIVE button will take you to the online form for your credit card. This gift will direct deposit for us. You can note that it is for Sarah's education, or send us an email and let us know that it is a gift for Sarah.
- Send a check to our USA team leader, Irene Keating. Irene has access to our bank for deposit and can handle any funds for Sarah. Send postal mail to *Irene Keating, 4717 Shoal Creek Dr., College Station, TX 77845-4410*
- Send a check directly to us in Spain and we can deposit to Sarah's account. *Billy and Laurie Drum, Calle Juan Casco #100, Antequera, Malaga 29200, Spain*
- You can give directly to our PayPal account to help Sarah with her launching expenses and education. Go to paypal.me/BillyDrum

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 team** as we continue to build community for immigrants and asylum seekers in our community via La Mesa Turquesa community center.
- **Pray for our team** as we juggle and rearrange summer schedules and try to comply with safety regulations for La Mesa Turquesa and Covid, as well as keeping our families and neighbors safe.
- **Pray for us** as we continue to work around the globe via Zoom. Billy has increased work with crisis care for CCWs. Laurie has continued to run the Training and Formation Department for TMS Global via online classes and training for CCWs. Thanks to the internet, a lot of our work never stopped… it increased!
- **Pray for Sarah** as she packs and says goodbyes and prepares to launch in to a new season of study and life. Pray that she has smooth transition. Pray that she makes new friends quickly, and that she can continue to maintain friendships that she is leaving behind. Pray for ease in new learning and life on her own. And pray that her parents survive this new season of "empty nest". Especially pray that her daddy doesn't dehydrate after we leave her in two weeks! ;)