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Prayers & Praises

Praises:

- Sarah's new equestrian center is officially open for business - June 1st.
- New ministry care apartment - it is finished and actively in use! Special thanks to those who helped with the cost of new windows (nice and quite and cool in there now), a cute little kitchenette (super functional), a nice table and chairs (very comfy), and a new exterior door. Everyone who sees the apartment is in awe of how amazing it looks!
- Spanish Camino spiritual formation retreat - Billy led a group of Spaniards on a week-long trek for spiritual formation. The group included a pastor, a father-daughter combo, and two young adults. This has now lit a fire and the pastor and young adults are trying to plan more spiritual formation hikes with Billy in the future!

Prayers—please join us in prayer:

- Partnership with Cortijo Carrillo, Asociación CARE, and La Posada Training and Care - we'll be holding some retreats and care workshops for cross-cultural workers. (see main article)
- The upcoming cross-cultural training event is the biggest we've hosted in years! June 29-July 12 we will have 80+ people arriving in Antequera, Spain to attend training for mission and ministry leaders. They represent 20 countries, including Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Portugal, Brazil, Nigeria, USA, Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, France, Syria, Russia, Kazakhstan, and more! We are in the final weeks of preparation for this event. Please pray for the final details, for the facilitators as they prepare training sessions, for safe travel, and for a couple of remaining entrance visas that need to be approved. And stay tuned to the July newsletter for photos and updates from the training!

A God-sized dream is coming true!

You may have noticed a lot of horse photos coming from our house lately. "Are they even doing work or ministry anymore," you may ask? "Have they retired?" Fair questions, because I know that it looks like we are having the time of our lives. And we are! But the truth is – yes, we are working, and yes, we are doing ministry. And another yes… it involves being around horses. Let us explain…

Many years ago, we dreamed of being able to purchase a Spanish *cortijo* (Spanish farm villa – pronounced *cor-tee-ho*) out in the countryside of Andalucia for the purpose of hosting care and training for cross-cultural workers and ministry leaders. We were looking for a place that was peaceful, conducive to retreats and hosting people for short-term stays so they could learn and heal, rest and grow – a place that felt restorative and would help people thrive. We definitely wanted a country setting, and it would be nice if we had space for Sarah to keep her horses.

That never happened. Spanish *cortijo* properties were out of our price range and the reality of handling the daily workload of running a villa and farm property quickly became overwhelming. If it was going to be successful, and if we were going to have time to dedicate to ministry workers and their needs, it would mean hiring a house staff to handle room turnover and meal prep and cleaning, and hiring a grounds and maintenance staff to do all the building upkeep and outdoor tasks that need to be taken care of. Long story short, we decided to back-burner that dream and focus on using our existing home and the guest apartment in town to host people and work with Billy's clients in smaller, more sustainable ways.

And that was/is great. It continues to be a good option for people. We have 3 lovely guest apartments in town that are part of our home (two are currently occupied full time and one is available for clients and guests). We have hosted many people - some for a weekend of counseling, some for a week of rest and recovery, and even some for 3 months as they healed and processed and found a new way forward in ministry after burnout or trauma. This work is vital to the longevity of global ministry workers.

But to be honest, the *cortijo* dream never died. It has been simmering on that back-burner and God has continued to keep bringing it up in our minds. As Sarah has gotten older and has grown into a professional rider and trainer with a passion for her career in horses, we have continued to think about how to find a way to get out from under the growing costs of stabling her two horses on other people's properties, plus find something that would be good for her as she grows her own client base and trains horses and riders. But the reality of property costs just kept hitting us in the face.

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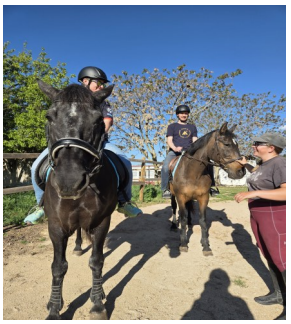


Juan and Sarah (10 yrs old)

Then, as Sarah was connecting with her colleagues and discussing her work, her first jumping trainer from way back – back when she was 10 years old – connected with her and asked her to come out to his family's *cortijo*. He literally said, "I think I have something that might be interesting to you. Come take a look." She went to see him, not having any idea what this was about. Was he going to show her a horse? Was he selling some tack? No idea.

Juan has known our family for 13 years now. He was Sarah's first serious trainer. He is an accomplished rider and professional competitor in his own right and has a trophy room full of trophy cups and ribbons and medals to prove it. Sarah bought her first horse under Juan's training and care. She won her first competition under Juan's watchful eye and intense coaching. When I say intense, I'm understating it… Juan and Sarah were intense as coach and rider. As parents, we spent lots of hours sitting and watching lessons where to two of them fussed and butt heads, waved arms and raised voices, ate dirt and shed tears. And through it all, Sarah loved his coaching. She cried her eyes out when a decision was made at the stables to replace him with another trainer who had a different vision. That was the end of their coaching relationship and we slowly lost connection. Juan went back to working with his family's business – **running a 4-star boutique villa hotel at the historic family *cortijo*.**

(Did I just get your attention?! Keep reading…)

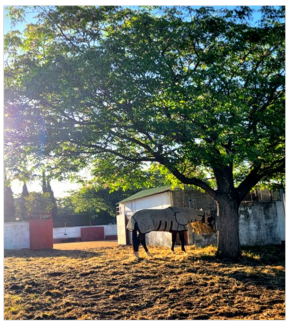


Sarah went out to see Juan and he pitched his offer. The Cortijo Carrillo sits in the middle of old Spanish olive groves and is surrounded by some amazing views of the mountains and Spanish countryside. It also happens to have equestrian facilities: stables for 20 horses, a full competition arena, a second practice arena, paddocks, the works. It even has an old bull ring - very Spanish. All of it just sitting there, unused. Juan made his offer – would Sarah be interested in taking over the equestrian portion of the property and running her own business out of the Cortijo? The family would remain the owners of the villa hotel, but Sarah would rent the rest of the property (for a ridiculously low price), be given the legal title to the paperwork that would allow her to have 20 horses on property, give lessons, train horses, etc. And, Juan's hope was that this would be mutually beneficial - his hotel clients could go to Sarah for horseback rides while they are staying at the hotel. Her clients would be on property and bring business and referrals to the hotel. Our ministry visitors and guests who come from all over the world for retreats and care (Billy's clients) could stay at the hotel (partner with Juan) and do rides (partner with Sarah). And, the added bonus for Juan would be that he really wants to get back into riding and being around horses, but he doesn't want to own them and do the daily care and upkeep. He just wants to return to the saddle.



"Is this actually happening?!" All we could think was that this seemed like our dream coming to fruition, and the obstacles of buying and running the guest portion of a *cortijo* were suddenly removed! Sarah would be able to start her business. We would be able to partner with someone we know and trust. The dream we had for the care and training ministry for so long seemed to be falling into our laps. Is it possible that we could be walking into a win-win-win situation? We had put this thing on the back-burner and honestly, pretty much decided that it was probably dead. Yet, God was showing up and bringing it back to life! Not only for us, but for Sarah, and for Juan, too!

And that's the story of how we have landed where we are right now. A new chapter in a story that started years ago when we moved to Spain. We came here to do care ministry for mission and ministry leaders, to train and equip cross-cultural workers and church leaders, and to work with immigrant and displaced peoples. We have been doing all of those things in various forms throughout the years. God is always weaving a tapestry. He's always taking the different threads and working them together one stitch at a time in ways that we often don't see until the picture becomes clear. We didn't know that Sarah's love for horses and the lessons that she started taking years ago would turn into a career. We couldn't have seen that a deep relationship with her trainer would one day become a business partnership. We had no idea that our dream of hosting guests and caring for mission and ministry workers in a Spanish *cortijo* in the countryside of Andalucia would one day become a reality through an equestrian coach and our daughter's passion and a bunch of horses. But here we are!



Literally, living the dream! God's calling and His plans will find a way. Thank you, God, for always holding our dreams, even when we had given up on them and looked for other ways. YOU knew the way. In your timing!

Stay tuned for more stories from this partnership!

Jamie and Billy









Together, we can make this an amazing ministry opportunity!

We recently had a long-time friend come out to see the property and walk the grounds with us as we talked about the new partnership and ministry opportunity. Then he said, "this is a dream come to fruition. I see years of dreams that you talked about actually happening in this project. It's happening in a different way, but it's a much better way. More sustainable, less start-up costs, involves more people in the ministry partnership, and has more potential. God has taken your dream of having a retreat center in Spain and transformed it into something even better, involving you and Sarah and locals and partners in a work that will reach many different people and needs. God is doing something amazing here."



One of the things we love most about this work is that we don't do it alone. You are part of our team! None of it happens in isolation. It happens because people like you step in and say, "We want to be part of that."

There are some very tangible, practical ways you can help us get this big new partnership off to a great start. **Looking for a way that your bible study group or Sunday school class or friend group could do something meaningful together? Pool your money and make a difference!**

Here are a few specific opportunities:

Immediate needs:

- **$200** riding helmets for clients. ALL riders must wear helmets! While we currently have enough helmets to have two client riders in the ring or on a trail ride, we need to add at least 4 more to our tack room to accommodate more riders and head sizes. ($50/riding school helmet)

- **$500** shelving, organization bins, blanket racks for the feed room and tack room.

- **$2000** We are actively searching for a smaller horse that is suitable for younger, smaller, or more timid riders. Unfortunately, every time we find a suitable one that is safe and healthy, it is out of our current price range. If we find one in our price range, it is quite old or has been mistreated and isn't fit for our work. Your gift would allow us to top off our budget and get a good pony that is ready to help us with clients who need a smaller horse option.

Sponsorship Heroes:

- **$450** Provide scholarship support for a cross-cultural mission and ministry worker to receive counseling, burnout recovery, or a debrief retreat (2 nights in the Cortijo Carillo villa, 2 sessions with a counselor/coach, and 2 riding lessons or trail rides). Each additional night with full lodging and care services is $225/nt. When you invest in the health and wellbeing of one cross-cultural worker, the ripple effect multiplies into churches, communities, and around the globe. **Any amount is welcome—partial scholarships accepted.*

- **$50** Become an official member of Asociación CARE. Your sponsorship helps CARE teach others about ethical care and wellbeing for the equine world. We are building a different kind of equine culture - one built on respect and care for both the horse and the rider, where horse wellbeing is paramount, and where we value peace over pressure or performance. This is not the norm in Spain, but we want to show a different way. The horses of CARE are also used in the rest and recovery care plans of global mission and ministry workers. Become a member of CARE and we will send you your membership certificate and other goodies as a thank you for helping us help horses and support people as they heal with horse-support.

- **$350/month** Sponsor one of the equestrian center's working horses. $350/month covers the feed and care for one of our precious horse partners. Choose your horse buddy: Ugo, Rocky, Isleño, Faustino, Falari, or Poppy the Pony. Sponsor one month of care and we'll send you a special sponsor packet with all their info, their special personality quirks, and other fun goodies as a thank you! **PS—any amount is accepted and appreciated. This is a great gift idea! Sponsor a horse as a birthday or Christmas gift and ALSO help the ministry. We'll send your sponsor packet to whomever you designate. Just let us know!*

These vital, practical needs create space for deep conversations, hospitality, rest, and relationship. Healing can take place in this space.

If you feel led to partner with any of these needs, we would be incredibly grateful. Thank you for being part of this new chapter with us. This is the beginning of a beautiful story… God is in it and we can feel it!

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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.





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