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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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Update on Sarah

Where is she? Sarah moved to Sant Marti Vell in Girona, Spain at the end of June 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. She's be studying at CAVA (Centro de Adiestramiento Victor Alvarez) about 30 minutes from the border between Spain and France.

How is she doing? She's doing well! She will finish her last exam of the Summer Intensive on September 25th, and she is REALLY looking forward to that! She will then be able to come home (YAY!!!!!) and have a couple of weeks off. We are super excited to have her come home for a little bit!!! She has done very well with her summer studies and accomplished the goal... to set her up for entrance in to the 2020-21 certification program that begins in October. Because she went to school all summer and took the 7 required exams and practicums, she is now exempt from the stressful entrance exams for the Fall program. She and Looney are looking forward to a little rest before starting the next phase.

Please continue to ***pray for Sarah*** and for her studies. A HUGE thank you to those who have sent her special funds for her education and for the encouraging words as she embarks on this new season in her life.

Back to School at La Mesa Turquesa



The Fall semester began last week for Spain. Elementary children started back on Sept. 10, while Secondary school kids began Sept. 15th. School is 100% in-person (for now). Do we still have Covid? Yes... Spain is still registering hundreds of new cases every day. Are there precautions in place for in-person school? Probably as much as they are anywhere. Honestly, there is only so much you can do with 28 students in one room and hundreds in one building. Everyone is wearing masks. Everyone is washing hands and disinfecting desks and classrooms. Administrators are attempting to keep distancing rules and lower hallway traffic.

In this situation, we are all the same. It doesn't matter if you are in Texas or Spain or wherever in the world... this is hard. No one knows the right answers. Everyone is doing the best they know how to do under these circumstances. But it's hard. And it's stressful. Teachers are stressed and bearing the weight of education AND public health and safety. Parents are stressed and worried whether or not their children are safe, but they also need to go back to work. The local government is stressed and stretched beyond their limits... no one signed up to lead during a pandemic and no one in city hall can predict what will happen next. There is no good answer. Everyone is just doing their best.
We feel it, too. Trust me. As a former teacher, I feel it as I think about my teacher friends. As a mom, I feel it - I have a son who is a teacher and a daughter taking classes. In fact, my family is full of teachers... my son, my brother, my cousins, my aunt. Many of our best friends back in Texas are the people we taught with. And if you aren't a teacher, you are a mom or a dad who is concerned about your child or grandchildren this school year.

At La Mesa Turquesa, we are also "back to school". On September 7th, we started back with our full schedule of morning and afternoon offerings. We have Spanish classes for

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non-Spanish speakers every morning, as well as English Conversation groups and language support. Our mornings are full of energy as people from many different countries and cultures come together at our table to learn language and build community.

We have several new volunteers! This is very exciting for us!!! Our volunteers came in for special training on how to be language guides and they are really stepping up to the plate. It is so nice for us to have help, and for the people who use La Mesa to have several local faces to help them learn and grow and assimilate in to the community.



In the afternoons, we offer English homework help for 5th-12th grade students (all students are required to take English every year). We also have a variety of relationship building activities... story time, game nights, afternoon coffee and conversation times, special workshops, and field trips to cultural sights in town.

All of this comes with it's own stressors for our team. Just like teachers and administrators and local officials, we are constantly concerned with public safety and keeping the Friends of La Mesa Turquesa healthy. We are always watching our cleaning protocols, always monitoring masks, always counting bodies and making sure that we are keeping our capacity in check with distancing regulations. We worry when someone coughs. We notice when someone isn't there for a class and we wonder if they are healthy.

Just last month, we were forced to close for 2 weeks because 50% of our team was exposed to a positive case of Covid - not in our center, but at another event in town. We had to wait while our teammates quarantined and awaited negative testing results. Because of our close contact as a team and the work that we do with others, we must be careful. Our team is not big enough to be able to handle a 50% shortage of workers. Any hit to our workforce is detrimental to our work. Another reason we are REALLY happy to have new volunteers now!

Pray for us as we navigate this Fall schedule and how to stay safe while ministering to others.
We are definitely praying for YOU as you also navigate a very different "back to school" season.

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

La Mesa Turquesa exists because of partners like you. 100% of our funding comes from donations from people who believe in the work we do. Would your like to help? Could you or your small group partner with us 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

Stories from La Mesa Turquesa…



Every person in our community has a story. Every person who comes to La Mesa Turquesa is there for a reason. Our La Mesa babies are no different. This month, we share about the twins. To know more about La Mesa and to understand some of their story, watch the video clip…

https://youtu.be/9-8eakSk5n4
(out of respect and security for the twins and their mother, please do not post or share this on social media)



Stay tuned! Coming soon...

The Spain Virtual Experience!

It's "Church Has Left The Building" International Style!



How about a one-week trip to Spain to visit us?! No one can travel right now, but we still want to host you!

Coming in November, we will be hosting the Spain Virtual Experience! A chance for your small group or Sunday School class to visit Spain and our work. The Virtual Experience is a series of short (5-10 minute) daily videos that we are producing specifically for you. Each video shares a different aspect of life and culture and work in Spain. Here's the plan:

- Your group or class decides to embark on the Spain Virtual Experience: a short term mission experience that you can do from the comfort of your own home. No travel needed. Just let us know that you want to do it and we'll be glad to "host you"!
- During any one-week period, your group will individually watch a daily video and have a daily devotional and prayer point related to Spain and our work. And it can all be done independently, from your own living room, if you wish.
- At the end of the week, we will host a live Zoom call with your entire group / class to talk about what you have learned during the week and spend some time with you learning more. You can ask all the questions you want!

Once your group/class decides to take this journey with us, just let us know so I can schedule the final meeting day and get it on our calendar. The last day of the Experience will be a live Zoom call between us and the members of your group. We can do that any time on a Saturday or Sunday before 1pm Texas time. You may wish to do it during your normally scheduled Sunday School or small group time on Sunday. Or, if you are meeting in-person, you could choose to do it as a special breakfast, brunch, or lunchtime gathering on Saturday. The call will be a time to meet the group, discuss what you learned during the week and how it impacted you, and a time of Questions and Answers. It's a great time for your group to get together and celebrate your virtual mission trip.

This is going to be a great time to focus on international issues and missions - and you can't beat the month of November for learning about other cultures, prayer for the nations, and a focus on thankfulness and gratitude!

This is a great one-week study for your group—a break from the normal and a way to be people who engage with God's mission in the world, even during Covid.

Send us an email for more information or to sign up your class / group!!! Don't wait! Others are already signing up!
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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 that we stay healthy and are able to maintain health protocols that protect all of the people we serve.
- **Pray for Laurie and Billy** We continue to work around the globe to support CCWs via Zoom. Billy has an increased workload with care for CCWs who are displaced or in various states of stress due to Covid issues in their countries . 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 finishes her summer intensive courses and begins the regular Fall term.
- **Pray for our team's new NGO.** We continue to wait for all the legal paperwork to clear so that we can officially become a non-profit organization operating in Spain. This will be a huge step for us and allow us to work in ways that we have never been able to access before.