

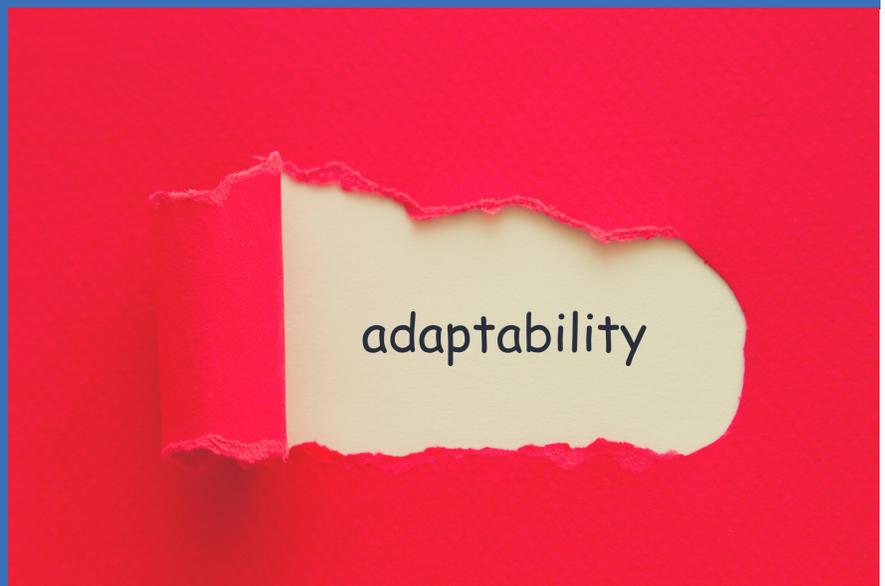


MOSAICO

Updates from Laurie and Billy Drum

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Prayers for our team as we grieve the closing of La Mesa Turquesa community center
- Prayers and praise for the new project our team has started
- Prayers for Billy as he travels to Greece as part of the leadership team for the Refugee Highway Partnership conference Jan. 31-Feb. 4 (440 CCWs who work with refugees will be in attendance)
- Prayers for the Covid situation in Spain and Europe and its effects on our work and ability to reach out to others
- Prayers as our team hosts a young couple who are currently in training to launch as CCWs - they are considering joining our team in Spain.
- Prayers for Sarah as she continues to train young riders and gear up for competition season.



When one door closes...

Everything changes. It's the one thing that we can count on. Changes. At TMS Global, we train new cross-cultural workers to hold their projects and plans lightly, because moving with the ebb and flow of the needs of the culture and context is part of the work. If we are to be relevant in our communities, we have to be attentive to the Holy Spirit and be prepared to adapt.

La Mesa Turquesa is changing. Over the past two years, almost everything about the situation and our world has changed. The refugee situation is different in our town. Covid has forced many adaptations and pivots. Our vision has stayed the same, but the needs of our community have shifted. And now, we have made the hard decision to close our doors and start a different project.

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¿Quién es mi vecino?

(WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?)

Every day we pass our neighbors on the street, we see them in the park, we stand behind them in line at the bakery... but do we really know them? Have we listened to their stories and their hearts?

On our team, we are listening. We want to get to know our neighbors and learn what's important to them, what makes them unique and special. Because every story is important.

Our Mosaic team wants to illuminate these stories. We believe that the diversity of our city is important, and we want to work for the visibility and inclusion of all people and all cultures. Because community, connection and culture is what makes us human. Because God's unique design is in each and every one of us, regardless of race or ethnicity, culture or status.

Our team is sharing the stories of our neighbors. Stories that show the diversity of our city. Stories that show the importance of community and social inclusion. Stories that bring the marginalized to the forefront and make them feel seen and heard. Stories that highlight the light within, the stories that break God's heart, and the unique beauty that God has given each person.

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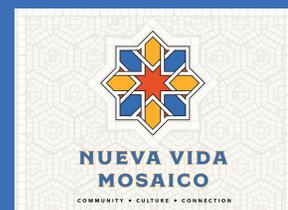
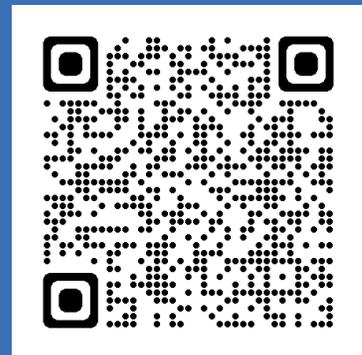
To follow all of the amazing stories from our neighbors, follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

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Or go to our team blog at
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(note: English stories are under Spanish for each post)





"My father was born in Granada (Spain)."

LILIANA (BRAZIL - SPAIN)

"Back then, things in Brazil were not good. I had friends who were living in Spain and my father was born in Granada, so we packed up our family and came to Spain to see if we could make a life here. It took me years to find the papers that we needed to prove that my father was Spanish so that we could stay here. He left Spain during the Civil War. He fled during the war and spent a month on a boat in the ocean sailing to Brazil. Finding proof of his existence was an ordeal. We had to find documents that survived the war, and I didn't have much information. I knew his name and family and where he was born, but nothing else. We finally found proof in the church! His baptism was registered in the church and we were able to start to put the pieces together. We finally did it! Now we have double citizenship - Brazil and Spain.

At my age, I sometimes think that I would like to go back to Brazil and be with my brothers and sisters and family, but it's complicated. My children have been raised here. My daughter has been here since she was 9. She knows almost nothing about Brazilian history. She knows everything about Spain. She feels like she is a Spaniard. She doesn't ever want to leave here. All of her schooling was here. All of her friends and her life is here. Now, she is in university in Granada, my father's homeland. He would be so proud."

"We have no rights to our own property anymore."

ELENE (GEORGIA - SPAIN)

"Our house was near the borderlands of our country. The border was a dangerous place. All the time, the Russians were advancing and taking more and more of our land and moving the border. They take a few meters of our land every day and advance their border. Our home and our whole town was taken by the Russians. We have not been able to go back to our family home in 10 years. It is still our home, but Russia says that it is now theirs – it belongs to Russia and we cannot return to our family home and property. My home is now in Russian occupied territory. We have no rights to our own property anymore."



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