

February 2020

Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

Wow! A lot has been happening here! From having visitors, people moving here, being sick, the church growing, and refugees moving in with us, we have been very busy.

First, let me introduce Carlos and Rounellys to you. They are refugees from Venezuela. They came to our church a couple weeks in a row before we ended up taking them to lunch and learned about their situation. Venezuelans are granted asylum here in Spain if they get here, as the situation there is very bad. They arrived here with the promise of a place to stay and a job. However, once they got here, neither of those were available. So they were staying in a halfway house that is mixed with the drug rehab, and they were only allowed to be there two more weeks. They are allowed to be here, but the residency process, which includes their work permits, takes about eight months. I was thinking that we could not let them live on the street, but the only option I could come up with is for them to move into our house: I knew that would be hard on our family though, so I did not bring it up. The same day Christy said something to the affect that the Christian thing to do would be to have them move in with us until the get on their feet. So, they are living in our extra room. It definitely takes a toll on us financially, emotionally, and comfort-wise, but it is not without it's benefits. In the last few weeks we have seen them grow spiritually and in their desire to serve the Lord. This past week we started a discipleship course, next week they are starting a junior high youth class, and in the next couple of weeks she will start playing the guitar in our services. Pray for us, as we have extra people in our home, and pray for them, that God will use them in a great way.

Also, Jason and Jessica Stanley, along with their three children, finished deputation and have moved here! We are excited to see what God has in store for them. He will be preaching this Sunday, they will take over the music on March 1, and they will be starting language school on March 2nd. Pray for them as they get settled in, figure out the culture, and learn the language.

The last Sunday of January we had 22 in attendance, and the Friday before we had 18 out soul winning; both are highs for us as a church. We now have fifteen faithful regular-attenders! Some of them are not saved yet, but they are always here. We have also had other returning visitors over the last month like Christy's friend, Marta, and my atheist friend, Gonzalo, and his wife. God is working here, and we are humbled to be a part of it!

Thank you for your prayers and support, Markie Bullock



