



GILMORES IN SPAIN

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We are in Madrid, Spain, are already in a furnished condo type home and have finished our two week quarantine.

A few days ago someone asked, *“Have you started to work yet?”* It sure feels like we have. We’ve done some ministry stuff but most of our time and energy has been consumed by adjusting to life in Spain. So if you can call trying to navigate the process of getting settled, we are working hard.

God’s word for the Israelites as they were moving into the promised land is an encouraging word for us. *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified ... for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”* Deut. 31:6

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES:

- **Phone service** that will allow us to make calls and download GPS all over Europe and in the US. After calling and visiting several stores, we have been told that there are no necessary SIM cards available. Businesses require us to have a local phone number and, communication outside our home requires it. We **Praise the Lord** for ‘WhatsApp’ which enables us to call for free while connected to WI-FI and for the other missionaries who are allowing us to use their phone number.
- **Acquire a local Bank account** so we can have funds wired to us. After two visits to the bank we are hopeful to have one later this week. We **Praise the Lord** we brought 3,000 Euros in cash with us.
- **Finish our residency paperwork** which has been delayed because of a backlog caused by Covid-19
- **Permanent transportation cards** are necessary for us to travel by metro and bus at a reasonable cost.
Praise the Lord we have an appointment on July 6th
- **Learn how to grocery shop**, identify what and where to find the products we need. **Praise the Lord** for the extra exercise, walking ¾ of a mile each way to buy groceries and carrying our purchases home several times a week is a lot of work but good exercise.
- Our Madrid church negotiated a less expensive lease on the church building so it doesn’t have to move.
- Mosaic Cultural center repairs are nearing completion and the insurance is paying for the water damage.

In the midst of the challenges of learning to live differently we thank God for his goodness. The more we reflect on the timing surrounding our arrival in Spain the more we are amazed at God's orchestration of the process. We were able to visit churches, get all our partnership funds raised before churches closed and secure our residence visa just before the Spanish consulate and the government offices in Spain drastically curtailed their services due to COVID.

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