



The Cressmans



Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) says, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) says, “For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Little did we know seven years ago when God called us to go to Honduras that it would be just a stepping stone for us. As Ephesians states, God has had things planned out long ago. Also as the verse in Isaiah says, God is doing a new thing. God has done and is doing something new in our lives. God is giving us an opportunity to serve Him in a new and different way.

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During these last five years serving in Honduras, God has been preparing us for this next step in our lives. Since February He has been opening doors we have not had to push open, so we are walking through them. We are excited to share with you that God has made a way for us to start a new ministry in the country of Spain. In the coming weeks and months we will be sharing more with you, so stay tuned. Thanks to you—our family, friends, and donors—for your prayers, love, and support. We are honored and excited to build **His Kingdom** in Spain!

In May our family was privileged to take an exploratory trip to Spain with Director of HIM Europe Ed Durham and his wife, Heather. We had two contacts: one in Barcelona, a beautiful city by the shores of the Mediterranean Sea on the northeast coast of Spain, and another in the south central city of Granada, located on the northwestern slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Visiting both cities was a great time of discovery and learning. We stand in amazement at God's clear guidance in our lives.



Fountain—Barcelona



Human
“angel statue”
in Barcelona



Barcelona boat
harbor on the
Mediterranean Sea



Cathedral - Granada



Spices, tea, and dried fruit stand on the street - Granada

The Alhambra,
an ancient
Muslim palace/
fortress built
between 1238
and 1358
- Granada



Barcelona Versus Granada

We arrived in Barcelona on a balmy Wednesday, where we were met by our contact Pastor Gillum. That afternoon we were blessed and refreshed by the passion Pastor Gillum has for reaching the people of Barcelona and Spain. He is very fervent about reaching people through discipleship. Coincidence?

The following Saturday evening we arrived in the “still snow-capped mountains” but sunny city of Granada, where we were met by some friends and two ministry couples. We had a wonderful time of fellowshiping and attending Sunday service where God’s presence was felt. It seemed to be such a perfect and beautiful place to start a ministry. However God very clearly showed Janna and me in separate situations and times that Granada was not where He wanted us. God confirmed to us that we were to go to Barcelona!

Absolutely not a coincidence! God is so faithful to me, Wesley. During this past year God has placed in my heart the passion to start discipling and mentoring men in obedience to God’s Word. The desire of my heart is to disciple men to follow after Jesus with their whole body, mind, and soul that they too will make disciples. wherever they go.

Language School

With the Lord’s help and hours and hours of Spanish class, we are done. We ended classes August 31 with both of us speaking advanced-level Spanish. Now comes practice, practice, practice! We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during the last seven months.



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Would You Help Us?

Moving from Honduras to Spain will be no small feat. Several factors must be considered when deciding what to take and what not to take. Although it has not been easy, we have sold almost everything in Honduras. This means we will have to start all over again: kitchen supplies, living room, dining room, and bedrooms. Because we have sold our things, we do have some seed money. However we will need some extra funds for our family to get settled in Barcelona, Spain. For us to move, we need approximately \$15,000. Would you please consider giving to this need?

One blessing is that we will not need to buy a vehicle. We will be living in the city which has an excellent transportation system. Still our greatest need is your continued prayers. If we do not have your prayers, we will be useless.

Our goal is to be in Spain as soon as possible – perhaps by early 2023 if not by the end of this year. This depends on the visa process and various other factors. Will you help us pray for God’s perfect timing?

We are so excited about this opportunity to serve God in this new field– Barcelona, Spain!

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

- ◆ Sufficient funds
- ◆ Wisdom in this time of transition
- ◆ Peace and strength as we are transitioning to and from different countries
- ◆ Finding an affordable apartment in a place near a metro station
- ◆ Friends for Ella and Carter

