



# The Cressmans



*I have a great need for Christ;*

*I have a great Christ for my need.*

*C. H. Spurgeon*

This statement by Spurgeon is and has been so true in our lives. We have felt our own great need for Christ, and we have seen our great Christ meet our needs. It has been almost nine months since moving

to Barcelona, and we are seeing more than ever the great need for Christ here in Spain. We also know we have a great Christ who can meet the needs of the lost all around us. We have met or have done business with people from at least nineteen countries from around the world, and this is a very small sampling of people. Records show there are 177 nationalities right here in Barcelona. The world is at our doorstep.



*A wide door for effective work has opened.*

*I Corinthians 16:9*

**Would you pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit here in Spain?**



## *Did you know?*

- ◆ Spain is divided into 17 autonomous communities which are subdivided into 50 provinces.
- ◆ Spain has 4 regional languages besides Spanish, which is called Castilian.
- ◆ Spain produces nearly 45 percent of the global production of olive oil.

Several weeks ago we had been praying specifically in our family devotions that the Lord would open doors to share Jesus with others. A couple of days after this prayer our family went to the park one evening so the kids could play with some of the children who attend our church. The children were resting for a bit when a girl came up to Ella and introduced herself in English. Rakma and Ella became fast friends, and “the door” was opened. Rakma also introduced Janna to her mother, and they have started a new friendship. Rakma and her family come from Pakistan and are Muslim.

At the same park Janna and some ladies from church have a ministry every other Friday evening with mothers and children. Since Rakma comes to the park to play, she also joins in with the other girls. One day she even learned a scripture that Janna handed out. As these relationships are built, please pray that God would give the mothers and children open hearts and minds to believe and receive the Good News!



## Visitors

We were privileged to have Randy Mercado, a student from God's Bible School, visit us in mid-March. He led a Bible study, did some tutoring, helped out with a small project for Woman's Day, and played with the kids. He was a blessing and encouragement to us. Carter especially enjoyed Randy's time here.



We also received a visit from our HIM Europe regional directors, Ed and Heather Durham. It is always a pleasure to have them. We appreciate the wisdom and encouragement they give to us.



The third weekend of May we were excited to visit with a friend and her daughter from our church in Honduras. Patricia and Dayane have move to Spain but live several hours away.



## Ministry

I, Wesley, have been attending Abundant Life Groups on Monday and Wednesday night every week. My goal and desire since arriving has been to learn to be a "discipler" and "pastor." Attending these groups gives me an opportunity to see and learn different styles of leadership. It also provides an opportunity to hear and speak Spanish.

Janna continues to help out in Sunday School every week, whether it is teaching or assisting other teachers. She is also involved on Friday evenings with a mothers and children group.

Ella has finished fifth grade and Carter completed kindergarten. It has not been an easy year for them due to our move to a new country. They both have done well and were real troopers this year.

## Cultural Holiday

Sant Jordi Day (Saint George and the Dragon) is celebrated each year on April 23. This annual festival is like nothing I have ever seen. Tradition is that men give roses to the women, and women give books to the men. Ella and I (Wesley) went out to see what the day was all about. We walked for about forty-five minutes, and there was no end of books, roses, and people. They also decorate buildings with roses and dragons.



Under the tents are books for sale.



*Your support is a great blessing and is needed during this time. Thank you for letting God use you!  
God is faithful and continues to meet our every need.*

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