



Our First Year

It is hard to believe we have been in Barcelona for over a year. We arrived in hot, sunny, beautiful Spain on September 27, 2023, with open, expectant hearts and minds.

It has been a year of *adventure*, *learning* and *growing*.

Adventure

We have enjoyed the adventure of seeing ancient Roman ruins from the time of Christ, walking down medieval streets, and touring La Sagrada Familia Basilica which has been under construction since 1882 and is projected to be finished in 2026. The adventure of new foods, some of which we enjoy and some we do not particularly enjoy, has been fascinating. Then there is the adventure of living in a big city of over 5 million people.

Learning

We have learned how to navigate the metro system, although not perfectly. We have learned there are at least one or more holidays per month, which means grocery stores, banks, and other businesses are closed. We have learned some businesses close every day from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are still learning new and different ways in which we can share Jesus.





Roman ruins



La Sagrada Familia-The Sacred Family



Paella



Going to church on the metro



Holiday parade



Thousands of people at the Christmas market

Growing

We have grown in our walk with God and in trusting Him more completely. We have grown in our faith. He does all thing well and in His time. Has everything gone the way we had hoped or planned? No, but God always proved Himself faithful. We are grateful God has chosen us to work for Him.

Our work here is growing too! For the last two months I, Wesley, have been going two to three times a week to a ministry with our local church that feeds the homeless breakfast and coffee. At times this seems like a thankless and fruitless task, but I am reminded of the scripture, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." God has helped me to connect with some of these men. Please help me pray that God will impact them for eternity through me. Janna is continuing to work with the weekly mothers and children's group and the children's ministry at church.

Bringing the Light to

BARCELONA

How we do it!

Cressman Family



- Wesley
- -Establish friendships
- -Assist with small groups
- -Volunteer at a homeless ministry



- -Assist with ministry to mothers and children -Sunday School ministry
- -Homeschool mom
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Ella (11) & Carter (6)

- -Help Mom and Dad with various projects in our ministry
- -Be friendly with neighbors and with those who work and play near us.



Small group with a Honduran family

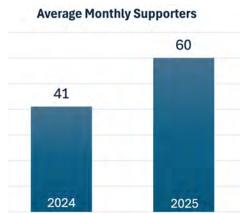


A visit from Oma and Opa (Grandma & Grandpa Cressman)

As we conclude this update from Spain, thank you for your prayers and financial support during our first year here. God has been so good to us and supplied all our needs.

After transitioning from Honduras to Spain, we realized living in the city is a bit more expensive than what we planned. Inflation and the cost of living have increased here, just like in the US. Over the next year we need to increase our monthly support. God has blessed us with an average of forty-one donations per month. Nineteen additional monthly supporters would make a big difference in our budget.

Would you pray about partnering with us and becoming a monthly supporter as we continue to make disciples for Jesus Christ in Spain?



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We are THANKFUL for your faithful giving and continued prayers.

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