The Cressmans

When we arrived in Barcelona in September 2023, it was hard to understand how many things we would experience, learn, and discover. Looking back over our time here, we can clearly see the hand of the Lord working, leading, and meeting our needs. As we anticipate deputation in just a few weeks, we are ready to share with you, our faithful prayer and financial supporters. God has been good. It is wonderful to know that when God calls you, He is faithful to walk with you.

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Lately, our lives have been full of a variety of things: homeless ministry, children's ministry, hospitality, and small group participation. It is a joy and a blessing to serve those around us. One of the most meaningful things recently has been just sitting and visiting with people. It is interesting to learn more about them and for them to become more comfortable with us.

Recently we were in the park participating in a ministry event with Child Evangelism Fellowship. We had been trying to re-connect with a Pakistani family we met last year in the park. It was so exciting to see them! We told them that we wanted to invite them to our home in the future. They were very open to this. Please help us pray that this will be a way to show the love of Jesus! Parks here are a great place to meet people and develop friendships.

Ella has been helping at an English Group Ministry provided by Child Evangelism Fellowship. It is a fantastic way for children to learn English and hear about the Bible all in one place. Ella has thrived in this ministry, and we are so happy she could be involved!





Ella's English Study Group



Monday Night Small Group



Kids in the Park







In Spain they call a soccer ball a football.

Did you know there are a lot of cafes in Barcelona? My favorite thing to get there is a sugary donut and chocolate milk. –Carter



Barcelona is made up of 10 districts or 73 neighborhoods. We live in Hospitalet.



Served at many of the restaurants here are tapas. It is customary for everyone to order a tapa and to share with the others at the table.

Many buildings and parks were designed by Antonio Gaudi. You can look up his works online or at your local library.

Wesley continues his work with small group meetings and homeless ministry. While the work with the homeless can be very challenging at times, it is important to share Jesus through coffee and breakfast. Many times efforts may not seem to be adequate, but we know Jesus wants us to be a light to these individuals. Recently one of the men was hospitalized. It was a blessing to take him a cookie bar and just let him know we care about him. Your prayers for this ministry and all the volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Janna loves her ministry with the children—whether in the church or in the small group on Fridays. The second Friday of April we learned about Holy Week, and we provided the children with scriptures they could use daily leading up to Easter. We know the gospel will never return void! Getting Scripture in their hands is very important to us! May they see Jesus and His love through God's Word!

As we mentioned in the beginning, we will be coming home soon for deputation. We are working on scheduling now. Our schedule will be posted on both our Facebook page and the HIM Facebook page. We look forward to sharing what God is doing in Spain and to connecting with you.

If you are interested in having us in your home, your church, or in an informal group setting, please let us know by contacting us at <u>cressmans@feaministries.org</u> or through our Facebook messenger.

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