

God makes all things new!

New family members, new field, new country, new language, new culture and new assignment - we are literally experiencing a whole new life in every aspect. It has certainly been a season of change, and with change comes new challenges as well. To be frank, we haven't felt up to the challenge at times over the last year, and have even wondered if we missed the mark somewhere. Well, that all changed this fall at the retreat for incoming transfers to the Europe field. God touched our hearts with a renewed sense of His presence and leading during this time of transition. We were each ministered to on a deep level, and returned home with a renewed purpose and passion for what is ahead. Please keep praying with us as we continue to walk this out and establish ourselves here in Spain.



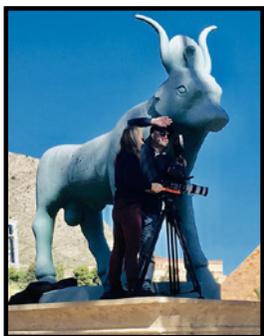
CONSTRUCTION TEAM



It has been a busy and eventful fall. The building team in September worked tirelessly over a five day period mending costumes for the shoot, landscaping, cleaning, redoing the eaves and repainting the front of the IMM building. A lot was accomplished, but there is yet more to be done to get our 10 year old building back in order for the next decade of work ahead. The harvest is ripe, and we want to be ready! If you are interested in bringing a team, let us know. There is something for everyone, regardless of their talent or ability.

THE HERITAGE PROJECT

The filming of three more episodes wrapped up earlier this month. It involved weeks away from home for the production team, over 150 actors and extras, who were primarily unbelievers, and six different filming locations. Unexpectedly, Kirk ended up hospitalized the first week with tachycardia and was kept from much of the travel, but that enabled him to work on some urgent projects in the office. He was able to find an affordable and versatile storage solution that will keep IMM from running out of space on their servers (They are over 90% full.), while providing years of growth for the future. He also prepared the director's binders for the different off site locations, and participated in the congress of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship in Madrid. There he was able to make valuable contacts with church leaders from various nations who can use the Heritage Project, as well as learn new ways that IMM can partner with national churches all over the world to reach the least reached. After the congress he was invited to present IMM's ministry scope to the delegates from Venezuela. Without national partners who have a vision to distribute and use our materials, we cannot be effective. However, with the right partnerships, we can amplify what they are doing to reach the lost, and in some cases go where they cannot.



FIRST PHOTO: Our new area directors Joe & Noemi Szabo

THE END OF AN ERA!

Our last box of belongings from Russia finally arrived at our post office here in Spain, a year after its first attempted delivery. Karla felt rather accomplished figuring out the customs process with the help of Google translate and Chrome's website translation feature. In that way, the transition to Spain has been light-years apart from her initial transition to Russia almost 25 years ago - in the days before smart phones and Internet in every home. But some things never change, successful transition still requires the learning of the local language and culture in order to make a house a home, and to share our lives and faith in Jesus effectively. We are looking forward to buckling down and tackling language this Spring now that we are settled, the production of the Heritage Project has almost wrapped up and we have completed our driving courses for our Spanish licenses.

In addition to finally having all of our belongings out of Russia, we were happy to read these words on the Russian tax website:

У вас нет неоплаченных налогов и задолженности

We are all but done paying property taxes in Russia. Next year we will owe less than \$5 on our garage and land that was sold in April of this year, and we will be done. So thankful that everything sold at a profit and was turned back into reaching the lost in Russia. Now we can truly focus on this next chapter of our lives and ministry.



KID'S KORNER

The kids have changed and grown so much over the last six months here in Spain. It has been both a slow process and a whirlwind at the same time. Thank you so much for your prayers, as the kids have adjusted well and are thriving.

In September, they both decided that it was time to potty train, so we are successfully past that milestone. Since we didn't get settled into our new home until July, we decided to keep Kaleb at home this year. We have a lovely Spanish Christian lady that comes three times a week to work with them in the mornings. So, they have a head start on learning Spanish. Both kids love telling people hello and goodbye in Spanish, and Kaleb is regularly asking how to say things in Spanish. Now if mommy could just learn a few more words, we would be able to start building relationships.

She is trying though with her limited vocabulary, and looks forward to being able to share her hope in Jesus with our neighbors and local merchants. Once a week we attend a music class, and last week we were invited over for a play date for the first time. While we may have had a slow start, things are beginning to show signs of picking up. Thanks for your prayers!



PRAYER & PRAISE

- Please pray for God's provision for what is left of our budget. He can choose to meet it through new monthly pledges or one time donations. We lack only a little to be at full budget.
- Pray for God's grace and empowerment as we turn our focus to language learning. Knowing the language and culture makes a place home, which increases longevity, as well as opens opportunities for heart to heart ministry.
- Pray for local friendships for Karla, Kaleb & Katelyn.

We are so thankful for Kirk's renewed health. He had a scare in September, but new medicine has eliminated the negative side effects of the previous one. He's doing great. His migraines are also much improved and down to fewer than five a month, that are well controlled by medicine. Continuing to believe for complete healing.

We both passed the theoretical exam to receive our Spanish driver's license, and Kirk passed the practical exam. It was just in time to continue to have one legal driver in the family! Hopefully, by the time you read this, Karla will have passed as well.

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