

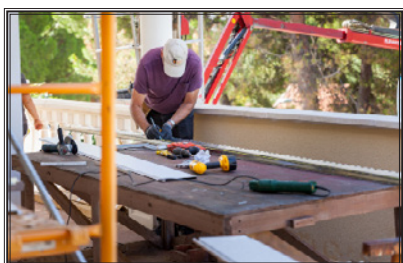


## *Building a Solid Foundation!*

In January, Ben came to help us install and configure the new server for IMM. His expertise was invaluable as we got it up and running and trained the staff on its use. Now, not only are we not at the limits of our storage capacity, we have room for exponential growth over these next years. It truly has provided a foundation for what God has prepared for the ministry of IMM. Likewise, we have been busy building other foundations the last few months. After finally receiving our Spanish drivers' licenses (Karla passed in late January.), we are immersed in language study. Kirk is taking intensive classes at a local university 20 hours a week, and spends at least another 20 on homework. Karla is working once a week with a tutor, studying when she can, and building friendships with other moms. In the fall, when the kids start preschool, she will be able to focus more on language. There is nothing more foundational to ministry outreach than a shared language.



### CONSTRUCTION TEAMS



Last fall we had a tremendous time with the team from South Carolina. They accomplished a lot, but there is more to be done! So far we have two more construction teams scheduled to come in the fall to continue work on the IMM building. In addition to construction, there are varied tasks that could use attention.

### WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested, please contact us, even if you are unsure that you have something to offer. You never know, you could be the answer to our prayers.

### THE HERITAGE PROJECT

Post production is ongoing on the three episodes filmed last fall, and although Kirk's primary focus this Spring is language study, in March, we had the privilege to help host a believer from the Berber people group of North Africa. The Berbers are indigenous to North Africa, and predate the arrival of the Arabs and the Islamic faith. Although there are approximately 100 million Berbers, most living in Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, and northern Mali and Niger, only 25 to 30 million of them still speak the Berber language due to the influence of Islam and the Arabization of the continent.

Today, there is a revival of Berber culture and language occurring across North Africa, as well as a spiritual revival. Although the Berbers are predominantly Sunni Muslims, Berber believers are refusing to hide in fear and are boldly declaring Christ to their fellow Berbers. Kader is one of those believers.

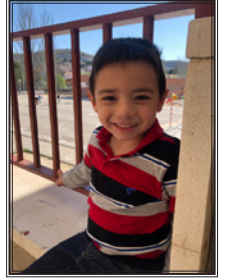
The Heritage Project is the culmination of a vision long held by some Christian workers in North Africa to put the stories of early Berber believers on film. God brought IMM alongside them to bring that vision to life, and Kader was here doing man on camera spots for the original four episodes of the Heritage Project in the Berber language. How exciting to see it come to fruition!



**FIRST PHOTO:** Ben configuring the new server.

# SOLID FOUNDATIONS

We are laying foundations and putting down roots in this new country to which God has called us as a family. Now that we are completely settled in our home, and are legal to drive, we are able to truly focus on learning language and culture. In addition to language learning, we've been able to participate in some local festivities this Spring, like the carnival (Spain's variation of Mardi Gras), and so enjoyed the Spanish culture's embrace and emphasis on family. There were many activities for preschool age kids, and we enjoyed them all, especially the face painting and mask making.

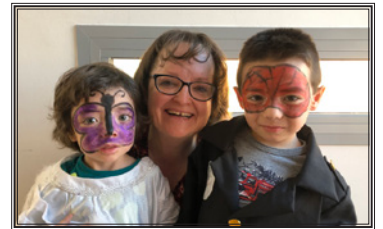


Preschool here, while not mandatory, is public and practically universal, so we plan to start the kids this September. We have been school shopping the last two weeks, and have realized how crucial this decision is for our family. We need wisdom to choose the school in which our kids will thrive.

School shopping!



We have also continued to build friendships with our new leadership. Noemi, our area director's wife, stopped by for a visit recently, and to take Karla out for coffee. What a pleasant surprise, and a gift to be able to know our leadership. In Siberia, the sheer distance made that almost impossible.



## KID'S KORNER



Our kids are no longer babies, and are maturing quickly. It is fun to watch their personalities develop, and to be able to have real conversations with them. They understand a lot of Spanish now, and are speaking a few more words and phrases. Last October, with much difficulty, we were able to figure out how to put them in a local music class. We are so glad now that we pushed through and made it happen, as that class is where they have made friends and overcome their fear of Spanish speakers. Kaleb now enjoys playing with other children, and although they don't yet converse, he has a lot of fun playing chase.

It was also comforting to have friends to invite to their birthday parties, and despite the language barriers, they had fun. One new friend in particular, Rachel and her daughter Alice\*, has been a God-send. Through her Karla has been able to make multiple new acquaintances with other moms, and has had regular play dates in local parks and at homes.



Now if we can just learn enough vocabulary and grammar, we will be doing well. (\*names changed)

## PRAYER & PRAISE

- Please continue to pray for God's provision for what is left of our budget. We lack only a little to be at full budget.
- Pray for God's grace and empowerment as we study Spanish. Knowing the language and culture makes a place home, which increases longevity, as well as opens doors for heart to heart ministry.
- Pray again for Kirk's migraines. The intensive study required to keep up in class has brought an increase in his migraines, and a migraine can make it incredibly difficult to focus on language learning. As this is the only dedicated time he has for language, he needs God's healing touch, as well as favor, to absorb as much as possible.
- Pray for the kids to be accepted into the right preschool for the fall. Karla has spent much time researching the options.
- Pray for understanding and wisdom on what relationships and friendships to focus on in the limited time available.

Thank you for praying for friendships! Your prayers have been effective. Karla now has a growing number of Spanish moms that she considers good acquaintances, and their friendships are growing. For the first time in her life, the majority of her friends are non-Christians. She looks forward to introducing them to Jesus as her Spanish skills increase.

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