



## The Mustard Seed – November 2009

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### **Back in Spain!** *September*

After spending the past two years in Canada, we're thankful to be back in Spain! We so enjoyed our time with family and friends, and now we get to enjoy time with our friends and co-workers in Europe! God is so good; giving us relationships around the world provide so much enjoyment and development! He is good, and His generous love endures forever!

The first two weeks of September were spent adjusting to the new time zone, enjoying the warm Spanish sun, and zooming around trying to locate the "right" apartment! It was no easy task to find a place that met our family requirements. We finally settled on a spacious apartment in El Escorial, just 30 minutes north of our former location in Pozuelo. The 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom affords me (Jacob) an office, and the family room provides extra room for guests. El Escorial is an historic location, home to an impressive Monastery, commissioned by King Phillip II. El Escorial also boasts an Evangelical Seminary, SEUT (United Evangelical Theological Seminary), whose director, Pedro Zamora, completed his theological studies in Toronto. Quite interesting!

After settling on a place to live, we began the process of moving our items out of storage, and setting up shop. In the mean time, Megan and Carly began school at their new high-school. In Spain, high school begins in grade 7, and extends past grade 12. So, Carly, now 12, shares the building with students in their late teens and early 20s! One particular point of interest is that Megan has a classmate from England (her father teaches at SEUT), and Carly has a classmate whose parents are from Saskatchewan! What a small world!

### *October*

As you will notice on the reverse side of this page, our Fall Retreat was a highlight for our family. Reconnecting with our teammates, catching up with what God's up to in all our lives, hearing reports of the forward movement in some of the ministries, and welcoming a new apprentice to our team proved to be a tremendous encouragement to us all. I (Jacob) was particularly impacted with the impression that God has been working faithfully in the lives of His servants in these past 2 years. This fills me with hope as we move into the future. Who knows what all

lies ahead of us? Three of our 4 sites indicated hope of beginning new cell groups as steps towards the foundation of establishing new reproducing communities of believers! That was exciting to hear!



### **Looking ahead**

As we resume our roles in ministry, we continue to look to God for guidance and direction. This year our team has a reenergized focus on discipleship and leadership training. As we build into one another, and into the lives of those God brings our way, we genuinely expect to see God's Kingdom expand, to His honor and glory, and to the tremendous benefit of those whose lives are touched.

### **Financial Concern**

While we came to Spain with a 100% of our support pledged, we are still lacking sufficient funds for ministry and travel expenses. Would you prayerfully consider joining our ongoing support team, or contributing with a one-time gift at this time?

### **Please Pray!**

- THANKSGIVING! For a satisfactory decision regarding our location in the Madrid area
- For wisdom and steadfast focus in discipleship and training
- For sufficient financial support and for wisdom to administer the funds provided.

THANKS again, for your support of encouragement, prayer and finances. We KNOW that we are not alone!

*Blessings,  
Jacob and Karen*

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