

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Dec 23 carol sing, gospel postcards
- Passing out tracts and talking about Jesus with people in the streets
- Bible studies on the life of Christ and Philipians
- Weekly prayer times, learning to work together in prayer
- Special considerations and requests

Dysert Ministry Update

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Finishing our 1st year in Soto del Henares

Greetings from Spain! We are thankful for the wonderful year God has given us, seeking to reach people where we live with the good news. This Christmas, our group of three families and some from the Azuqueca Baptist Church had a carol



sing together on the 23rd of December, passing out Alice's cookies along with gospel postcards. What a good time we had singing together, celebrating the birth of Christ. On Sunday after our Bible study, we went out and sang

again and handed out what was left over from Saturday. Stephen and Philip were home, along with Nicole Winot, who was visiting us. Their youthful energy and smiles were welcome additions to our time.

Rooted and Grounded in God's Word

Little did we know when we began a year ago that God would bring two families to assist us. Jose and Blanca and Efrain and Martha came in March, and we are enjoying working together for the cause of Christ, praying together, passing out tracts together, and studying God's Word together. God brought a Spanish young man our first Sunday and then many children from families who have moved here from Morocco. They came and participated in

our Bilingual Bible chats, a time where we taught them biblical truths that God has built into his world. Truths like you reap what you sow, you cannot buy happiness and the fact that true love gives. We probably got to know 25 children between the ages of 3 and 15, and we would ask you to pray as we seek to continue to have contact with these dear hearts so we can share Christ with them. While some protested our using the Bible, we continue

to maintain that its truth is exactly what we all need to hear and to heed.

Throughout the year, we have done a study on the life of Christ, we have walked through Philipians, Tim has had a men's study on fruitful Christian living and Alice has taught the ladies some truths from Nehemiah. We are very thankful for God's work in our lives individually and as a group. We thank God for the privilege of working to start a church together.



Church Planting in Soto

We are currently meeting in the Soto Language Academy, which is on the main plaza near the Soto del Henares train stop. The location is great. Our rent is minimal, helping cover costs for cleaning and utilities. Because the city expects that well over 20,000 people will live in this neighborhood, we believe having a local church here where they can hear the Gospel and grow spiritually is essential. One of our current challenges is that the city has allotted its religious spaces in Soto to two Catholic churches and is limiting where others can begin church works. We are pressing forward and asking God to give us a place of our own to meet in SOON along with the legal permission to do so. Please pray for us as we seek to reach the lost not only in Soto but in nearby areas as well.

Others are here looking for disciples of their own...

The city of Torreon de Ardoz is a religious hotbed, full of diverse groups. But the most active group by far are the Jehovah's Witnesses, who use this city as a launching point for their efforts. They even have a Kingdom Hall downtown. All that to say, we must be diligent in prayer and be prepared as we serve Christ. The other day we had two witnesses come to our door. They wanted to talk about what Jesus said about the future while we preferred to talk about Jesus himself. As usual, they were not dissuaded, and neither were we. This brings out the very real truth that we are in a battle for the souls of the people that live in this city, so please pray diligently with us for them, that the Gospel would have free course and that people's eyes will see their need for Christ.

Special Answers to Prayer and Requests:

During 2017 one emphasis has been on the importance of praying biblically and believing that God will work. After our Christmas carol sing Nicolas asked me if I was discouraged, and I told him, "No! I am sure God is at work!" We got to hand out 100 gospel post cards and announce Christ's birth to many that have never heard or couldn't care less. What a privilege. We look forward to seeing what God is going to do in 2018. In addition, we thank God Tim could help teaching a doctrines class at SBBE, something that he will continue doing through next summer. Concerning family matters, we praise the Lord for providing reasonable airfare for Stephen and Phil to come home for Christmas and for Tim and Alice to get to see Stephen graduate in May. Please pray for Stephen as he finishes his senior project and for Phil as he continues studying IT. Stephen says that of the 14 cinema students that began his freshman year only 4 remain. Incredible. Lord willing, Tim is going to take Nicolas to the USA next August to begin his college days. Please pray for Nic as he is considering a future in music and in math. He has applied to several places but is really looking at Cedarville. Nic has been important in our music ministry and we will miss him, but we rejoice in the work God is doing in his life. Finally, we thank God for the way he continues to care for our parents, but they are really struggling physically right now. Would you pray with us for them? Our hearts want to be there to help but our confidence is in the Lord who will surely care for his own. Both Hazen and Marcie Boyd and Ray and Toni Dysert love the Lord, and continue to grow spiritually and rejoice even while their bodies are failing. God is good.

For hearts in the heart of Spain,

Tim and Alice