

We are getting settled into the new house and are excited about it! We were able to complete the move with just our own vehicles without having to rent a truck, but promptly had to put our van in the shop for a big repair afterwards. We've done a lot to get unpacked and set up. . .at this point the painting is finished, we have all of the light fixtures but two up, the kitchen is unpacked and the bedrooms are all set up. The biggest job left is to finish organizing the basement, which is partly done already, however we need to finish sorting, setting up and organizing to be ready to begin holding meetings. We already have some promises for attendance for our first meeting in January!

We've been meeting with two different families on a weekly basis for English classes. This has been a great opportunity to form relationships, and even to begin to witness as we work on conversation skills. **Please pray for these families that God will soften their hearts and give us wisdom** in how to guide these conversations to spiritual things. We were able to enjoy an American-style Thanksgiving dinner and share it with an American who is living in Spain this year, teaching English at the boys' school. We enjoyed our time with her and hope to be able to encourage her during her time here. We enjoyed a visit this weekend from the daughter of the pastor of one of our supporting churches. It is always a blessing to us to have visitors!

Thank you to those who had prayed for us to receive our new American passports. Thankfully they did arrive shortly after we sent out our last letter, even with the address change during the process. We do still have to go to several different government offices to finish changing all of our papers and permissions over to the new address.

The Billy Graham foundation is organizing an outreach program here in Spain called "Mi Esperanza" (my hope) on December 15, 16, and 17th. An evangelistic message will be broadcast on a national channel on those evenings. The idea is to invite friends and acquaintances to our homes to view the program and then at the conclusion share our personal testimonies and invite them to make a decision for Christ. Not only are we mentioning it to our own friends, but another Christian couple that lived here in Cártama but has moved to Malaga is inviting their friends from Cártama to our home for one of the evenings. **Please pray for these special days that God would work in the hearts of those that hear the program and lead them to repentance and salvation through Jesus Christ. We are also in the process of trying to acquire more Bibles for distribution. Please pray for that as well.**

Kelsey is still in the city orchestra and has one English student this year, Bill and the boys continue with their basketball seasons and we are finishing up preparations for the Christmas Cantata, "La Promesa de Luz." Although we were praying that we would be able to perform the program here in Cártama, at this time our request for the building has been denied. We will invite our friends and contacts to come see the program in one of the other locations, as the gospel message will be clearly presented during and after the program. The denial of our building request is just another symptom of the darkness of the culture here in Spain. **As always, we covet your prayers as we are confronting the atheism, humanism, and overall spiritual apathy that is so overwhelming here.** Just to give an idea of why we are so persistent in asking for your prayers, we were recently horrified when JohnPaul (age 4) came home from school with a note detailing their unit study on witches . . . what they wear, what they eat etc. Dena did take the opportunity to go in and share with the teacher our perspective from the Bible on such teaching, but it seemed that she didn't understand why a parent wouldn't want their child to study witches every day for a month! On a positive note, she did say she would read to the class the two Bible verses that Dena shared with her. That situation is just one of many that have been a threat to our physical and spiritual safety. **We really can't stress enough how important your prayers for us are . . . the battle is not against flesh and blood!**

On the family side of things, we had all been well even with the weather changes up until this weekend when the two youngest have come down with strep throat. **Please pray with us that they will respond to treatment and that we won't pass it around to the rest of the family.** The new home has a working fireplace that has been a big blessing already. One thing that has been somewhat difficult is that the clothes dryer has been broken down for over 3 weeks now. The part has been ordered from the US and we are awaiting its arrival, with hopes that the one part we've ordered will be the ONLY part necessary to get it up and going again. At this time of year it has been a big challenge and a lot of extra work to be without the dryer, but we are learning to praise God in ALL things! **Please pray with us that the dryer will soon be repaired.** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Roses!

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support!

Bill and Dena Rose with Brianna, Kelsey, Jordan, Joshua, Josiah and JohnPaul