



September – November 2024

Dear Praying Brethren,

Let me begin by thanking you all for your patience as we have taken a bit longer to send this letter. With all that has been going on over the past few months, we have been behind in our correspondence. We are working on a better system for staying in contact with you all, and starting with the new year, we should be back on track with our regular updates. Since this letter covers the events of three months, it will be longer than usual.

We trust that you all are doing well and are grateful for another opportunity to update you on what the Lord has been doing here. Our daughter, **Anamelia**, is healthy and growing quickly. It is amazing to see her development already in these early months, and we are thankful for her good health. We are settling into our new apartment and slowly unpacking and organizing things. Given all the challenges that come with a new baby, this has been a bit exhausting, but the Lord has been good, and we are grateful for what He has provided.

During the move, one of the movers could not tell where I was from based on my Spanish accent. While it is obvious when I speak that I am not from Spain, not sounding like an American felt like a small victory on the language-learning front. Even after two years, we still have days when we feel like toddlers trying to talk. But on other days, the Lord gives grace, and we can have conversations with confidence. There is always more to learn and room for improvement, even as we move away from formal classes, but seeing how far the Lord has brought us is genuinely encouraging.

In the past, I have mentioned a brother from Singapore named **Joe**, whom we met shortly after moving to Spain. He continues to participate at church and contribute as he has opportunity. At the end of September, he presented a lesson on *Music and the World* based on his study of the scriptures and his personal experience with music before he was born again. He taught the lesson in English with another brother of the church translating. Overall, it was edifying for the congregation, and for my part, it has been a blessing to see Bro. Joe's growth over these past couple of years. I ask that you pray for him, specifically for the Lord's continued guidance and direction.

The Lord opened the door for me to preach in Barcelona for a church's 49th anniversary service. The people were very gracious with me as I preached in Spanish. Although I made numerous mistakes, it was encouraging to see the Lord use the message despite the failings of the messenger.

At the end of October, Anna's mom was able to come over for a short visit. She could not stay long but enjoyed seeing the grandkids and a little bit of our area. We were grateful for the visit, especially considering that she was recovering from surgery, and we were not sure that she would be able to come.

In the final week of October, a powerful storm hit the regions south of us. It brought historic rainfall to the surrounding areas, the worst of which hit some smaller towns in the province of Valencia. The rain caused rivers to overflow and drainage systems to fail, resulting in massive flooding. We experienced a lot of rain but nothing more. However, the people in Valencia suffered greatly from the flooding, with many losing their belongings, cars, and homes. Worse yet, as of the last report I have read, the death toll is over 200 souls. **Please remember this area in prayer, especially for the brethren who have lost everything.**

Just before Thanksgiving, we had the blessing of my sister, her family, and a family friend visiting us. They stayed with us for several weeks, and besides the obvious blessing of seeing family after over two years, they were an immense help in the ministry. Everyone pitched in with the preparations for our Thanksgiving service and helped watch the kids while Anna and I ran around getting things ready. Also, my brother-in-law, **Curtis**, went with me to Barcelona to help with

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the homeless mission there. Despite not speaking Spanish, he stood on the street and passed out tracts for about three hours while we worked to preach the Gospel and serve the folks inside. Also, during a Wednesday service at church, He was able to give his testimony. I translated for him as best I could, and we saw the Lord bless the service. Several people later commented that they were moved by hearing about all God has done in his life.

While at the homeless mission, I spoke with a man from Pakistan named **Ali**. He spoke Spanish and some English and was looking for a bilingual (Spanish/English) Bible. I gave him a bilingual New Testament, some tracts, and my phone number. He told me that he “feared God” but couldn’t believe that Jesus is God. Please pray for the seeds sown that the Lord would work in Ali’s heart.

Another highlight of November was our Thanksgiving service with the English ministry of the church. We had about 50 people in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and, above all, giving thanks to the Lord. Several families participated in singing English hymns, giving testimonies, and praying after the meal. While our intention is *not* to transplant American Christianity to Spain, we are happy to “export” this tradition of giving thanks to God for all that He has done and for all that He is. As we approach the new year, we are praying for the future of the English ministry and would like to see it grow, especially as a tool to reach the lost. Please pray with us that the Lord will guide us and give us wisdom to make the correct decisions in this ministry.

Speaking of the future, we have observed the Lord’s hand opening some doors here that we are excited about. As with any step we take, we covet your prayers for guidance of the Holy Spirit. Lord willing, we will share more details in future letters, but we are optimistic about what we have seen the Lord doing. As always, we thank you for your continued prayers and support, and may God bless you in your labors for Him.

In His Service,

Justin, Anna, Catalina, Justus, & Anamelia Pizzo

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