

# THE REESERS IN SPAIN

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## Pointing to the Only Incorrupt One

Fran (Names changed for privacy.) is convinced that people aren't trying hard enough to please God. Marcos is facing an insurmountable financial crisis. Lorenzo believes that if politicians would just obey the ten commandments, poverty would be eliminated. Sara just can't get over that God allows innocent children to suffer in this world.

What is it that unites each of these individuals? In the last two months, God has brought these precious people across our path, and we feel that what unites each of them is the sensation that something has gone horribly wrong in this world.

It's true. The press has recently uncovered Spain's increasingly unnerving secrets of political corruption. The most recent discoveries are, as the Spaniards say, "espantosos" (scary). Meanwhile, many banks continue to pillage and rip apart the victims of 25% unemployment with evictions and much more. More than half of Spain now earns less than approximately 800 dollars a month. The problem of poverty, with all of its repercussions, is intensely real.

These same individuals have something else that unites them: a search for a secular humanistic solution to the crisis. They each have a gaping void in their hearts that will only be satisfied by knowing God personally through His Son, Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, they look desperately to human institutions or systems and even their own efforts.

We have had the privilege to point them to the Lord Jesus. We shared with Fran that his greatest efforts before God are like dirty rags, that only Jesus lived life without sin. We encouraged Marcos to the peace that God provides His children in the storms of life, his need to know the Prince of peace. We showed Lorenzo that God is just as interested in his own personal failings to keep the ten commandments as He is with politicians. We shared with Sara that God's ways are not our own.

In short, we have been able to meet people where they are and point them to Jesus. What a joy!

## Home Assignment or Furlough

Just a couple of weeks ago we were surprised to learn that we must head to the US now for a six-month home assignment. This happened so quickly that we haven't had time to put together our travel schedule. After we arrive in Springfield, IL in early December, we plan on putting together our travel schedule and connecting with supporters that have faithfully stood with us these past four years. The purpose of this time is also to get some rest and to raise some new support. We are especially looking forward to worshipping the Lord in English again and going out for Mexican food. ☺



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### PRAYER AND PRAISE

1. PRAISE: God has opened doors in our conversations the last couple months to share Gospel truth.
2. PRAISE: We have an apartment and a car for our home assignment. God has graciously provided through our friends at Cherry Hills Baptist Church in Springfield IL.
3. Please pray for our church and small group as we leave Spain. We feel as if we were in critical phases of discipleship with at least two couples.
4. Please pray for meaningful visits with our support team while we are in the US.

### OTHER UPDATES

1. Chad plans to launch his online Greek class in January from the US. Due to our home assignment, the structure of the course will be changed to adapt to our travel schedule.
2. By the end of October, we are showing a shortfall of \$11,000 for 2014.
3. There has been no movement in regard to our adoption. From what we understand, the delay is with the US embassy and until it is resolved, there is not likely to be many US adoption referrals from Lesotho.