



The Hamley Herald



October 2010

Baby Update

Our newsletter is a little later than usual this month, largely because we have been waiting for the results of tests and blood work Carrie had taken a few weeks ago. Earlier this week we got the results, which were mostly good. Aside from having slightly low iron and sugar, the pregnancy seems to be progressing well! We got to see our "Frijolin" in an echo, and he appears to be active and healthy! The doctor told us once again that he is unusually large (by Spanish standards, at least) but that we have nothing to worry about. We are so grateful for our little one and are eagerly looking forward to his arrival early next year! Thank you for all your prayers and notes of encouragement as we quickly progress towards parenthood. We can hardly wait to meet him!

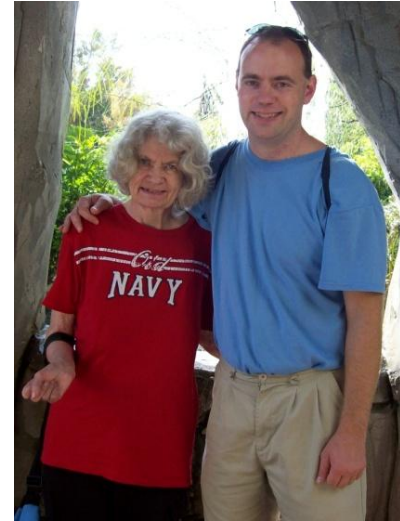


Carrie and "Frijolin" enjoying the Alhambra gardens

House Guests

Last month we shared that we would have a full house from now until December. Well, Michael's mom was here for ten days and we spent part of that time taking her on a tour of Andalusia, the southern region of Spain. The day after she left, Miya arrived (daughter of FM pastors in the Keystone conference, Frank and Jeri Walford). She will be with us over the next month soaking in the Spanish language and culture, helping us with practical aspects of home and ministry (especially as Carrie's pregnancy progresses and her energy level is beginning to drop once more), and seeking out God's

will for her life. So far, our free time has been spent exploring the city and baking! (The best way to a Spaniard's heart is through his stomach!)



Michael and Mom on her recent visit to Spain

Celebration and Dedication

Last Sunday we celebrated the dedication of Mical Estevez, first-born daughter of the Usera church pastor Frank and Martina who was born in September. They had been praying for a little one for three years when God answered their prayer, and we were able to celebrate her little life together as a community as they consecrated her to the Lord and His service. It's exciting to think that not long from now, we will be doing the same with our little bundle of joy!



Upcoming Events

Next month the first ever Spanish National Conference will be held in Madrid from Nov. 19-22 in which pastors and church leaders from all over the country gather for a time of celebration, reflection and thanksgiving for all that God is doing throughout this country. As the conference is wrapping up, we will be joined by Al and Diane Mellinger, FM missionaries to Bulgaria, who will be here to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. There are also rumors of a visit by Carrie's sister in early December! We are so grateful for all these visitors and the love we are being surrounded with in the days leading up to the arrival of our son.

Praises

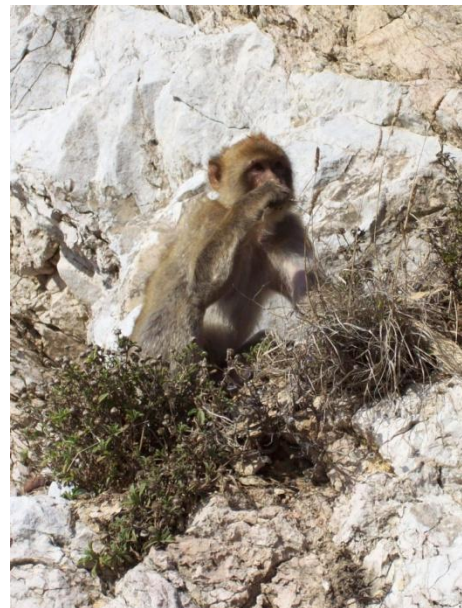
- For many visitors who encourage us through their mere presence, and for the opportunity to travel some in the south of Spain with Michael's mother when she was here visiting earlier this month.
- The Usera church has found a building of its own, and is in the process of moving. Services there are set to begin in early November.
- God continues to guide and direct our path and open new doors of ministry that we never thought possible!
- Car trouble waited until we were back from our trip to strike! And when it did, we were able to have the repairs done in a timely manner, and there were funds available to cover the cost! Praise the Lord!
- Michael turns 35 on October 22. ☺

Prayers

- For the Usera church as it settles into a new neighborhood and building, and takes on a lease of its own. Pray they are able to make rent each month despite tough economic times!
- For Pastor Frank and Martina, during the early and trying days of being parents.
- For us as we will soon be transitioning to an exciting new area of ministry as we gear up for the transition into parenthood. We feel like the two will complement each other well, and are excited as to what the future holds.
- For Carrie and "Frijolin's" continued health.
- For the many details of the transition we will be experiencing soon. More details to come!



Enjoying the view from the mountaintop in Malaga (with a little help from the cablecar)



Monkey in Gibraltar, saying no evil

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"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

—Colossians 2:6-7