



The Hamley Herald



September 2010

Back to the Daily Grind

The month of August, aside from being insanely hot, is a wonderful time to relax and regroup, as the entire country tends to take the month off to spend it on the beach or in the countryside. Traditionally, we have taken advantage of this time to minister to the children of poorer or immigrant families who can't afford to go anywhere during their vacations.

This year, since the Children's Program was canceled for the month of August, we decided to spend the month focusing on a very special little one, our own "Little Bean." Carrie spent much of her time reading, relaxing, and de-stressing through painting (pictures above), while Michael ran the "office." Then towards the end of the month, we spent a week with Carrie's "Spanish family" on the beaches of Alicante, soaking up the sun, swimming, snorkeling, catching fish for the aquariums, and catching up with loved ones. It was a WONDERFUL time of renewal for ourselves and our relationships with some of our favorite Spaniards!

But alas, September is upon us, and now it is back to the daily grind! Much of our energy these days is focused on the Ministries Center and setting up the business that will help to fund it. We've made some excellent contacts with experience in setting up these types of businesses and are working on the location and budget. The next step will be raising the remainder of the funds needed to see this project come to fruition—not any easy task in these tough economic times, but since this is God's project, He can and will provide! Please continue to pray for this endeavor as it is far beyond the scope of anything we've ever done before: that the Lord would continue to guide us and provide for the needs of both the café and the Ministry Center. We are excited about the impact such a center will have on the community, and more importantly, the Kingdom!

If you feel compelled to give to this cause, donations can be made directly to Free Methodist World Missions (www.fmwm.org) or via snail mail with "Spain Development Fund" on the memo line. ☺

Pregnancy Update

We recently had our 20 week sonogram, which showed a beautiful and healthy baby boy. Everything

seems to be progressing well, and we can look forward to the arrival of our son the third week of January. We are continually blessed to see how God is providing all of the "major equipment" we'll need. We are eager to set up the nursery, but judging by the amount of visitors we have scheduled, it will probably have to wait until early December! We are currently "booked" Oct. 5–Nov. 27 with guests often coming and going on the same day! The only break in there is for 5 days while we attend the first Spanish National Conference, which will take place on the outskirts of Madrid. Pastors and church leaders from FMCs all around Spain will gather to celebrate what the Lord has done and continues to do throughout this great country in which we serve!

Praises

- We had a wonderful time of renewal on vacation
- For some new contacts we've made that are proving invaluable for planning the café and ministry center
- Even in turbulent and uncertain times, God has given us unwavering peace

Prayers

- For upcoming meetings in which we determine our fall programming and ministry assignments for the coming year
- For conflict resolution in a difficult situation within the local church
- For a clear strategy for reaching the lost in our community

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"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

—Colossians 4:5-6