

MARY'S NOVEMBER MUSINGS FROM SEVILLA

Last month's theme was waiting – waiting to see the stones of unbelief rolled away and a further obvious advance of God's Kingdom here. There is not yet an apparent huge moving of stones, but at least in Teresa's family there has been some dislodging of the mortar. She is growing and is becoming more confident in praying with me.

Thanks for your prayers for Fernando, Teresa's husband. While the long-term benefits of his shoulder operation are yet to be known, it was the easiest of the four surgeries he has had. I was unable to be with Teresa at the hospital – the culturally expected way to show support. But she gladly accepted the roast chicken dinner I made the family upon Fernando's release. He was blown away. Continue to pray for his recovery and her growth in the Lord.

Here's a few other prayers and praises for Teresa and family

- Fernando told Teresa he noticed a specific change in her. She gave credit to God and what she was learning from the Bible. Pray that her child-like wonder toward God's Word would encourage even more changes in her, and that her daughter Ana would also want to know why mom is changing.
- Ana's headaches are better. Pray that she will learn how to adjust to a slower rate of retention; pray for me for wisdom to know how to teach her in a way that will be easier for her to retain.
- I would like to do a US Thanksgiving this year with Teresa and family. Pray for obstacles to be removed.

Other items for prayer and praise:

- Praise that the Betania church leaders meeting last month went well.
- Pray for the church as we start weekly prayer groups according to neighborhoods. Pray that some obstacles will be removed so most of the church will be able to be involved in this.
- Pray for Cristina, my walking partner and mom of students Javi and Emma, that very soon we can have the conversation that we've both said we want: why she believes in karma, and why I believe in Jesus.
- Pray for more opportunities to share with my neighbors (days 29 and 30 in calendar).
- Pray that the proposed \$500-a-month deficit will be supplied by either one time gifts or new monthly pledges.



After leaders meeting we shared a meal

US Thanksgiving is November 25. I can never stop thanking you for your faithful partnership whether it be in prayer, in finances or in other ways.

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