

Dear Friends,

Please rejoice with us that God has written the name of two more Spaniards in the book of life! These last two weeks, God has surprised us by bringing the gift of eternal life to Cesar V. and Maria. We met Cesar V., a young man in his early thirties, through his wife who attends the evangelical church here. His wife recently met with Luz for counseling. Cesar V. was skeptical about religion and didn't want to be involved with Christians.

Last Tuesday, December 6, my husband met with Cesar V. in a coffee shop and talked about spiritual matters for three hours. That same day, my husband had the privilege to lead this young man to the Lord. My husband explained about the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. After Cesar V. finished praying, he said that he was sure that his sins were forgiven and that he had been given eternal life.

In our October update, we shared about the Bible study Erica and I were having with a woman, Maria. Last week our Bible study revolved around John 3. At the end of the Bible study, Maria said that this was the first time she understood salvation by faith in Christ through grace alone, but was not quite ready to make a decision. As she left, I asked her to continue reading this passage and see how God spoke to her. This week, at the beginning of our Bible study, she said that she had been thinking about the passage over the week, and that things were clear for her. I asked what things were clear, and she said about not working for salvation and just believing in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. I said that she can tell God anytime what she believes and asked her if she wanted to tell him then. She said yes. In the coffee shop where we regularly meet, she prayed a genuine prayer. It was so beautiful. We both were crying for joy. It was a glorious moment seeing the miracle of new birth. Later that day, she put the following in our Bible study group text message:

"You have the new Maria, born of the Spirit, among you. I feel phenomenal after having given thanks to God for being His new daughter, for having had my sins forgiven, and for being given eternal life! What a great rest and relief to have all my burden taken that I was carrying."

Please pray for the spiritual growth of Cesar V. and Maria.

These past few weeks have been really special because our son, Josue, has been visiting us. He has been able to see our ministry joining us in the English conversation groups, Bible studies, and Sunday meeting. He has been able to connect with and make new friendships with the people we serve.

Next Tuesday, December 20, we will be flying to the United States. Cesar and I need to renew a document that allows us to be outside of the country while maintaining our American residency permit. While this is a necessary trip, we are very happy we will be able to spend Christmas break with all our children.

Please pray the paperwork process runs smoothly so we can return to Spain late January.

It is our prayer that this Christmas you would rejoice celebrating the first coming of our Lord, Jesus. Let us be thankful that because of Christ's work accomplished in his first coming, we can eagerly wait and be prepared for his second coming.

Rejoicing with you,

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