



Hello, Friends and Family!



After months of planning and preparing we have arrived in Madrid, Spain!

We want to thank each and every one of you for supporting us in your prayers and giving. Without the support of the Body of Christ we wouldn't be here!

We arrived on the field Saturday, January 6th, and we have been getting acclimated to the culture, and settled into our apartment.

We are grateful for our overseeing missionaries, Ryan & Kierstin Paul, who have helped us navigate some of the daunting tasks, and hurdles that we had to overcome to even get here. They helped us secure a place to stay, a vehicle to travel in, and so many other things making the transition to the field not as challenging.

We have several "God moments" already, and I want to highlight just one for now.

After a few days of settling in we met with The Paul's and we were going through our on the field orientation.

In our meeting we discussed Amy and I starting our language study as soon as possible. The Paul's had already located a school right down the street (Walking distance) for us to go and check out later that afternoon.

After our meeting we had some time to kill before heading over to the language school as they didn't reopen until 4pm.

I was playing on our balcony (two stories up) with the kids, and I hear someone talk to me in English. Mind you we are in a city just outside of Madrid with a population of around 200,000 people.

This guy began to speak to me up on our balcony and say he recognized my American accent and asked where we are from. We made small talk for approximately five minutes, he's from the states as well, but has been living here for the past 10 years. He proceeded to ask why we were here. I told him we were here to learn the culture, start a language study, and help support our missionary friends.

He looked at me funny, and said "No way... I own and operate the language school on the corner."

That is the exact one we were going to check out later!!

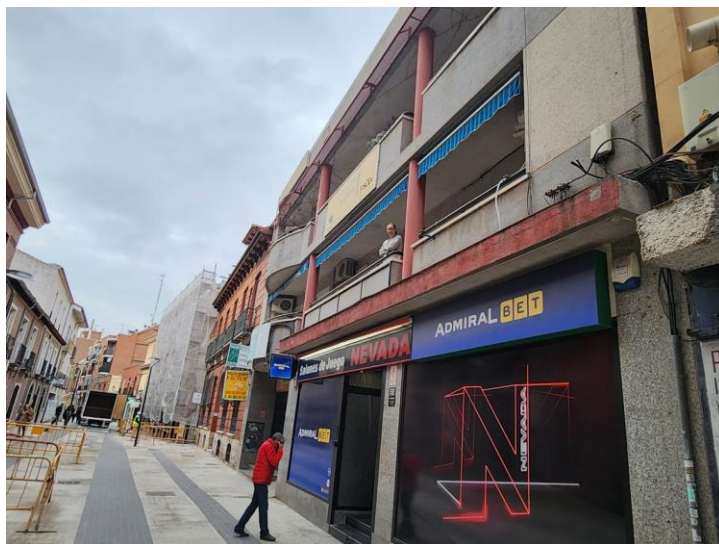
God divinely opened the door, and made an amazing first contact for us.

WE are excited to see what God is going to do through this. We start language study with Eric next month!

There are several other divine moments and connections God has aligned, and we are excited to share those and many more as God opens doors.

Feel free to head over to our website at www.ThePaparellas.com, Subscribe with your email address and you will get notifications as we will be posting more testimonies and stories as we progress.

Amy standing on our balcony overlooking the street where we met Eric, our language school owner.





Our first small group meeting in Alcala de Henares.

First time guest praying and seeking God!!
God ministered to her deeply this night!



Our first service at Tabernaculo De Vida Madrid.
Their genuine worship, and zeal for God is BEAUTIFUL!

Sincerely,
The Paparella Family



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