

The Miller Family in Cordoba, Spain Terry, Christine, Joel and Esther



Intro

For those of you who don't know us this is us and Joel and Esther (24 and 19). They both live in the UK. Joel is working for a church in Reading and Esther is studying in Brighton.



CÓRDOBA

So we are currently church planting in the centre of the city of Cordoba in Spain. These pictures here give you a little taste of the city full of history, religion both Catholic and Muslim but now increasingly secular and its this secularised population that have rejected God who we are reaching out to with the gospel.

It's been a while since we've been able to update you but we know missionary talks can be a bit dull so we want to help you engage in 3 journeys so far of some of the people to give you a taster for how things are progressing! But first a tiny aside about my parents. Thank you for all your prayers for my Dad for his health and for them settling in Córdoba generally. We're glad to say that my Dad is doing really well after his op.

The Ladies



A group of ladies came to an English evening in our house in May 2022. At this stage a number of the guys from the church would meet maybe once a month for a social evening in a bar along with some non Christians they'd invited and these new ladies declared that they wanted to do something similar and so a small group was formed. We didn't really know one another but we thought we'd try. Initially we went for a meal out and then to the Feria or fair.

Following this we saw them at English evenings and occasional meals (This was most of us at meal we had not too long ago).

In February last year I started running a once a month Women's breakfast and started inviting these women along with others. At first only Nina came but then the following month some others came too and now they come every month they can make. At the breakfasts we've looked at the gospel story through the eyes of people like Rahab, Tamar, and Bathsheba having deep conversations as each one wrestled to see how erroneous some of their understanding of the Christian message was and to deal with the challenge the gospel presented them with.



Nina,
Carmen,
Cristina,
Maribel,
Mirla, Salka,
Agía, Ana
Esperanza,
Ana and
Sandra

Now the relationships are different, the women have even taken my mum under their wing caring for her too. They continue to come along to the English evenings and through this and other get togethers are constantly being drip fed the gospel. Nina now comes along to the story of God. She is at a very different place from when she first came along to the English evenings, reactionary and negative towards Christian things.

At the penultimate breakfast together we discussed the life of Eve and she declared it was the first time she had really understood the story of Adam and Eve and how her identity came from God and how he longed for her to be part of his family with her identity resting in who God made her to be and that like Eve even in her sin God will show her grace if she turns to him. This last breakfast when we looked at Psalm 139 she said she wanted to share it with her Mum to help her see what God was really like and not what they'd been taught before.

The group has grown and new people are coming along and a number of the others are keen to start going along to the Story of God group starting in the autumn. So please pray for Nina, Mirla, Carmen, Maribel, Cristina, Ana Esperanza, Ana and Sandra.

Luis



This is Luis and he's a double doctor (in medicine and investigation).

When he came to us, Luis was starting to work with teenagers/young adults because he knew God wanted him to do it, but his heart wasn't in it. We helped him deal with a lot of issues from his past and God set him free and he started to gather a group of young guys around him, just meeting them, helping with school work, issues at home and sharing Jesus with them naturally.



The Young Guys

We started some meetings with food, games and a short talk and more single guys in their 20s and even some in their 30s started to come along. They are from whole range of different backgrounds but something special is happening.



Moja, Reda, Sergio,
Pedro, Jordan, Javi

Mohammed and Reda (top in white and at the bottom) are 2 muslim lads whose mum's have started coming to the women's breakfasts. Moha has had a number of dreams where Jesus has appeared to him (although he didn't know it was Jesus) and he has started to come to the story of God group and look at the Bible with us.

Javi and his girlfriend Fatima have said they want to come to an evening in June to find out more about the Story of God group. Jordan is also in the Story of God group.

Please pray for us and these guys as we seek to find the best way to meet with them going forwards, so that they can come to know Jesus.



Nacho and Cristina

Nacho and Cristina We met nearly 8 years ago, and through them have met a lot of different people. They came long to our first church meeting with just us, another missionary couple, them and an American, 7 years ago. We met to eat a meal together and briefly look at the Bible. They haven't come to anything with the church since, but every time we meet with them we talk about God, they quiz us about our faith in Jesus and we talk deeply about life and faith. It was them who you may remember quizzed us for 4 hours about what grace was and what difference it made to trust in God's gift of salvation through Jesus alone. Their son also came along to a number of Christian camps in the UK "to improve his English". The last time we met with them Cristina said she wants to come along to the Story of God in the Autumn and Nacho said he's willing to "try it out" as he's more wary of what he might be committing himself to!



Opening
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