



# A 1 MONTH UPDATE

We have now been back in Spain for one month. And a lot has changed.

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TO GIVE



We have moved! Here is our new address: **Calle Cadiz 33 puerta 2, Valencia 46006.** Moving has been such a long process. As you know we have not lived in our own home for 8 months and we have been craving our own space for a long time. We have been in our home for about 2 weeks and we are finally starting to feel at home. We are thankful for this space. Anyone want to come visit? We have a space for you. In the one month that we have been back our community has been on a retreat, we have done a service project, celebrated Carnival in our neighborhood and have planned out some new changes within our rhythms in our team meetings.

After just two weeks back in Spain our community went on a retreat together. At first I wasn't really looking forward to it. We had just spend 2 months being with people everyday and now we were going to spend the weekend in a house with 16 people half of which were children. But during and after the retreat I felt completely refreshed. The retreat was super simple. We relaxed, rested, played and dreamed together. It was a great time to get to know two new couples in our community and it was so awesome to hear peoples desires for our community in this new year. It helped me find excited in what I am doing here, which I was lacking in when I landed back in Spain.

This past Saturday we started working on our third *persiana* project. We are currently working on painting another business garage door. This one we are all excited about because we are painting a creative co working space. This year as a Christian community we want to participate and support local artists while encaging in social justice so serving this co working space is a great way for us to get to know the artists who work there.

Also this past Saturday was Carnival. Our neighborhood throws a huge parade where different cultures (mostly South American) perform native music and dance. It was so cool to see young and old people alike celebrating their home culture in huge bright and festive costumes. Our streets were crowded with people celebrating together. I created a video all about our service project and Carnival, check it out [here](#).

And lastly we have started planning out some new changes for this new year. A few things I am excited to share with you are: 1. I am going to be leading a small group. I have not worked out all of the details of the group but I am looking forward to sharing more details with you in the future. 2. Also we are in the middle of planning out what our Saturday gathering times will look like. As you know for the past 1.5 years they have been different week to week. But this year we are mixing it up. We are only going to meet every other Saturday but the gathering will look more similar with some sort of formal worship and teaching and discussion on different themes. And we will split into two small groups that will meet on a weekly basis. 3. We are continuing to plan what our kids program will be this year. We currently have 5 children within our community so how we serve our families is important to us. 4. As I mentioned above we are wanting to work with and for the artist community in our neighborhood as we engage and serve the marginalized, fighting injustice. **Please pray for all of these things that we plan wisely asking God first where his heart is. How is the best way to serve our little ones, our artists, the marginalized, our families, our planet, our neighborhood and each other. What does love look like in each of these contexts. As we plan, please pray.**

John found a new Job. As some may know John was working as a barista in our neighborhood due to many different reasons he's made the decision to stop working there and find a new job teaching English. He found one and started teaching last week. Also his feet are healing more and more each day he walks as if nothing ever happened and has started to swim regularly to get his exercise. Please continue to pray for him during all of the transition.

We are still looking for financial partners so if you are interested in joining God and us here in Spain please follow [the link below](#) to partner. Or if you already partner with us but are interested in raising your support please email me about that.

Thank you so much for your love and support as always you guys are awesome. If you ever want to hear more stories and details or if you have questions please shoot either of us an email or we'd even love to Skype/Facetime with you!

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Love,  
The Pattersons