

Restoration Now Ministries Wayne and Sandy McNair

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Fulfilling the Dream

Hola amigos y familia,

When Wayne had the visitation from the Lord that said “Go to Africa by way of Spain” we had no idea what God meant. Wayne hid this in his heart and later shared it with me. When our youngest was ready to fly the nest we began to follow that dream. We went to Charis Bible College and took the missions track. After school we went to Spain and finally had an understanding of what we thought God meant. In Roquetas de Mar there are many different African countries represented. In fact there are 112 different people groups in that area, many of them Africans. They come to work in the plastic sea, 165 square miles of greenhouses that produce much of the vegetables for all of the European countries.



We have been privileged to build relationships with some of those people. We have built relationships with people from Morocco, Senegal, Nigeria, Spain, Romania, Germany and Ghana. The vision the Lord God gave us was to disciple at least one from each people group and then they make disciples. On one of our trips to Spain we met Godsway. He is from Ghana and is one we feel God has called to fulfill part of that dream.

On Sunday afternoons between church and the Kids Club we met with him and sometimes Ebenezer. We would pick them up after church and bring them to our place. Wayne would pray and we'd sing some worship songs. Then we would go through the Discipleship Evangelism Course. We would pray and take them back to the area they stay on the week end. During the week they work in the greenhouses. Godsway took the materials to share with others while we are gone. The beginning of the fulfillment of the dream. We hope one day he will return to Ghana to make disciples there.

Busy Weeks

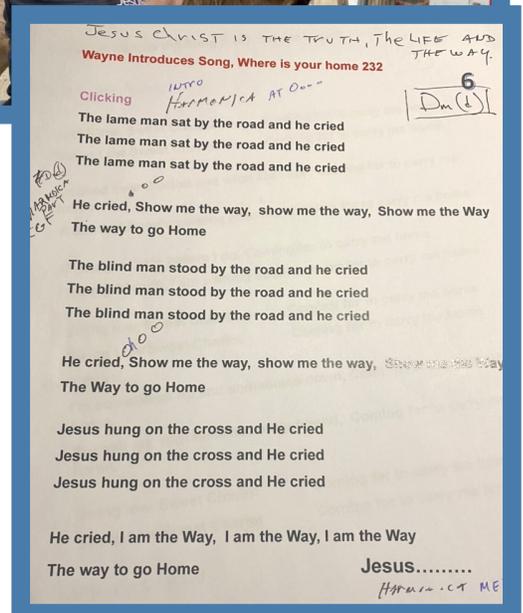
It has been a wonderful start to the new year. We finally made it back to Spain. It was great to see old friends and make some new ones. Do you remember me telling you about all the different people groups in Roquetas de Mar. Well, seems like each day we had a different people group represented in our lives. Those were the divine appointments we asked you to prayed for.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings we would meet with Martin. He tried to teach us Spanish. He lives there in Spain, was born in Argentina but was from Germany. He was a Spanish and French teacher in Germany. We were a challenge for him. We also ended up practicing music. He enjoyed that much more.

He plays guitar and he decided his time was better spent forming a trio. Wayne on harmonica, Martin on guitar and Sandy as one of the vocals and tambourine. He booked us to play for a group of people that went on a bus trip to a camel farm.

Most of the people were retired Germans who winter in Roquetas. We sang a variety of old Gospel songs like “The Lame Man Sat By the Side of the Road”, “Sing Hallelujah”, “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”, “Give Me Oil for My Lamp”, “Got a Reason for Living Again”, “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”, “Amazing Grace”, and a few others. It was a great way to sing the message of the Gospel. They said 70% of the people there were not believers but they heard the Word. Here are the words to one of the songs we sang.

He is anxiously waiting for our return. He already has plans for us to play at a few more places. This was a stretch for me (Sandy) as I don't usually sing in public but I had to “Humble Myself in the Sight of the Lord”.



Tuesdays

On Tuesdays from 9-2, I (Sandy) would volunteer to help out at a coffee shop/used clothing store run by a Mennonite Missionary couple. They serve free coffee and cookies to the community. Many of the ladies come in everyday. Some say it is the only food and **peace** they get. Most are Muslims from Morocco and some only spoke Berber, a native language or Arabic. I learned how to say coffee, milk, sugar, cookies, thank you in Arabic.

Thankfully many of the younger ladies speak English and I was able to build some good relationships with them. One of them (Sumia) is a woman who was having some health issues and she allowed me to pray for her in the name of Jesus. I don't know the results as she shortly after went back to Morocco. Pray for her, her heart is open.

There is another woman, Fatima, who I got to know. She told me that she saw something different about me. I got to share my testimony with her. She asked to stay in touch and I have gotten WhatsApp messages from her weekly since we have been home and she tells me how much she misses me and loves me. I know that it is the Jesus in me that she sees. Even though she also loves Ann, the lady who runs the place I think she sees the freedom I have in Christ that even Ann doesn't have.

This is Cloe, She is another missionary God has called to the area. She is from Australia. She used me for a school project to teach me Spanish as a second language. We would meet on Tuesday evenings. She also leads the Kids Club on Sundays.



This is Aron, his former name was Mohamed. While I was working Wayne was talking with Dan and some of the men who also come in for coffee and cookies. I was not allowed to serve them because of their culture. One of the men that Dan and Wayne shared Christ with made a decision to be a Christian while we were there. This is a big deal since he was Muslim. While all the others were observing Ramadan he was enjoying his freedom to eat what he wanted. Dan had a couple of other men who were former Muslims, come and share with him in his own language to make sure he really understood what he was doing and the cost it might cause for him. His mother said he is now out of the family but he has a new family he loves.

Wednesdays



After our Spanish lesson with Martin, I would go meet with Saluja. If you have followed us for long you know we met her 6 years ago when we first visited Spain. We took a “Perspective's Class” about missions. One of the things it said is to find the person of peace. Saluja to me is that person. There is just something about her.

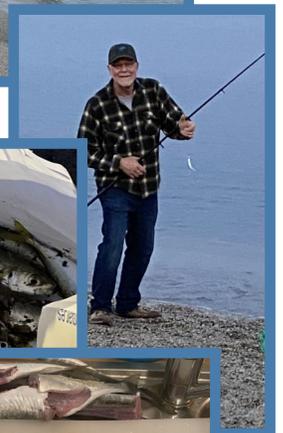
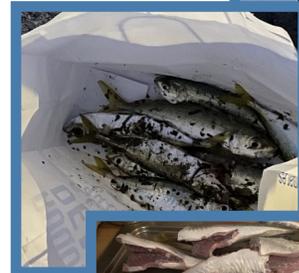
I first met her when we worked with Jesus and Lily Madrid, other missionaries who live there fulltime. She and her friends wanted to learn English. When they came out in public to receive the foods we were distributing they came in their Muslim garb. When I went to their house they had blue jean shorts and T-shirts on. I taught them a word like Grandfather and they would say ten syllables in Plaar. I gave up. Saluja now confessed they were messing with me.

She is now a mother of two. Even when we are home, if something big happens in her life she always would contact me. She was originally from Senegal. So did speak Plaar but she has learned Spanish so now she helps me practice my Spanish as I teach her English.

She asks me “Sandy, why are you in Spain?” I would tell her, “I want to tell you about how much Jesus loves you” One day she was cooking dinner and she was cooking lamb. We then talked about how Jesus was the lamb of God who took away our sins. She smiles and lets me share things with her. One time when I was there I left her my Spanish English New Testament. I have not lead her to Christ yet but I have sowed lots of seeds. She has called me twice since we have been home and asks when we will return. It all begins with building relationships.

Thursdays were play days and times to establish relationships.

Part of our training as missionaries was to use the things you are gifted in or are interested in to build relationships. Wayne loves to fish. He went to the store bought a pole and some equipment and headed to the sea. There was an old man there who said “A las Ocho” or not now come back at 8. When Wayne got there, there were a bunch or Romanian men fishing. They looked at Wayne’s rig and shook their heads. Then Flavio proceeded to show him what he needed. He gave him one of the bombett floats and the rig they use. They even gave us some of their fish. Wayne would go and fish with them often and made friends with them. Somehow they overcame the language barrier. Really Wayne was being a fisher of men. Hoping to continue getting to know them.



Saturday, Todos Somos Amigos

On Saturday Evenings from 4 to 8 we would help out with Todos Somos Amigos (We are all friends). There was usually 12-20 kids who came to sing songs, play games, have snacks, make crafts and most importantly hear stories from the Bible. Most of these kids are from Moroccan families and also are Muslim. The strategy is to start teaching stories from the Old testament which they have in common, then work forward to stories about Christ. Because Easter was coming they jumped right into the story of the death and resurrection of Christ. They ask questions after the lessons and give candies to the kids who answer right. The kids pay good attention and get a good understanding.



Pray these seeds planted take root and produce good fruit!

Sunday Kidz Club

Sunday evenings were spent at the Romanian Church doing another 4 hours of kids club. These kids are in Roquetas de Mar, the others were in Vicar.



Plans moving forward

As many of you know our plan before Covid hit was to go to Spain for at least a year. We feel it would be much more productive to be there full time. We feel like the Lord is still asking us to go. Wayne has to renew his passport which is in progress and then we will start the laborious challenge of getting the long term visa. Please be praying for it to all come together in God's perfect timing.

We hope to return in the fall. We have friends from Germany who visited us while we were in Roquetas and they are praying and currently planning to come back in the fall also to help us pioneer an English Speaking international church. The Lord showed both Juergen and I the same building that used to be a restaurant along the beach. We thought what a great place for a church. I am not sure that is what God has in mind but it was exciting to think about. There are many English speakers there. It may not be there first language but at least they understand it. We can see the need for a good Bible believing Spirit filled church teaching the message of faith and grace.



In the meantime we will do some outings with Campers for Christ. We will be near Lake Belton in May and Potter's Creek, Canyon Lake in June. I hope to go to a family reunion in August. Then have the visa ready to go in September or October.

Thanking God for Answered Prayers

As many of you know we have had an on going issue with the house and land Wayne and his siblings inherited. Well Praise God, it is resolved. Our son and his wife were able to buy the home and half of the land and we will keep the other half acre. Right now we have our RV parked on it. This helps us save money while we are home and also we will have a place once we do finally retire. Thank you to all who prayed for this situation. We are happy for how it all turned out. We are also happy we will soon have a new grandson. They plan to do a home birth so we appreciate your prayers.

Thank God for the divine connections that were made during this trip and for God's provision. Thank all of you who prayed and or donated to help fulfill this part of the plan. God is great and He is faithful. He uses people like you to make His plans come true. He uses those who prayed, those who sent us, and those who will one day join us. We are looking forward to exciting things to come.

Blessings, **Wayne and Sandy McNair**

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Ministry through the summer

Easy, healthy birth of the new baby

Health for us and our family