

SUAREZ UPDATE

|| "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul," || Deuteronomy 11:18 ||

Reflection ...

Reading Deuteronomy in the past months has been so challenging and encouraging. As Moses writes about the Israelites experiences he reminds them that God is the one who wins their battles, who has gone before them, who gives their enemies into their hands.

But the Lord said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand.' Deut 3:2

It's an amazing book reminding the people of who their God is and of his faithfulness. That he has a plan, a purpose and is ACTIVE in their lives. They wandered the wilderness for 40 years grumbling and doubting their God and in these 34 chapters Moses paints them a vivid picture of exactly who their God is and what he has already done for them. He is to be loved, worshipped, trusted, obeyed.

"You shall not fear them, for it is the Lord your God who fights for you."

Deuteronomy 12 v 5 (ESV)



What's happened since our last newsletter?

Eliab's surgery was delayed about a month as he ended up in hospital for 10 days in May with an infection in his blood during the week he should have had surgery. So May, June and July have been months of hospital stays and recovery time. But we praise God for his faithfulness and care of Eliab and us. We thank God that he is now doing really well and we trust that that is his final operation behind us. It is almost hard to believe he had a stoma for his first year of life. His body has coped so well and his bowels are working normally. He is developing well and is a real joy, learning to express himself and definitely makes his wishes known. It looks like he will be a very determined little boy, and full of fun! He is starting to try to stand, though we have been told it may take some time yet for him to be able to stand independently. But so far his Physio, Speech Therapist, OT and paediatrician are very happy with his progress for which we praise God.



Spanish Conversation Classes

We have really enjoyed our Thursday morning Spanish conversation times with a growing number of people. We had 10 adults and 7 children one morning! And through the summer were able to have many of these classes outside. The initiators were Susan (Judith's sister) and Wayne Robinson as they prepared to move to work in Spain, along with others of us who want to improve our Spanish. We are hoping to be able to continue these weekly classes with some other friends we have made from Spain who live locally though we will really miss Wayne and Sue and the kids. (on the right at the bottom is Susans eldest, Willow and Nina saying goodbye to Eliab).



Praise God for ...

- Avisai passed his theory & practical driving tests
- Eliab's operation (reversal of the colostomy) & his full recovery
- We are well settled into our 'new' home (Judith's parents house) & thankful for being within walking distance of town

Please pray for ...

- Avisai's mother and sister who live in a remote town in the mountains of southern Mexico. It has recently been affected by shootings between Mexican drug cartels. They are very fearful. Please pray for them and the rest of the church members for protection and peace

Coming up ...

- Avisai will be starting formal English studies this Autumn
- Judith is continuing her online IGCSE Spanish (exam June 2020)
- Judith may have opportunity to help with a regular craft morning with some ladies who are refugees
- 19-22 October will attend the UK Staff Conference in Coventry
- 22 November we will attend the new UK members Orientation

*With much love,
Avisai, Judith & Eliab*

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Ministry

We will visit the UK HQ in Coventry in October (19-22) for the UK Staff Conference and the orientation day in November (22nd). We hope to also visit some of the Neighbours Worldwide ministries in England while we are there, possibly before or after the Orientation day in November.

International Meeting Point

(IMP) - Avisai has started going to the Thursday lunchtime football match that is organised for the men. An opportunity to play football and at half time someone will share a testimony, a short Bible story or devotion.

Many of the men have come from countries which are closed to the gospel so this is an amazing opportunity to openly share with them. Please pray for this simple yet important ministry within the International Meeting Point strategy. Pray for men's hearts to be softened to hear what God is saying to them. We would love to pray for revival among immigrants coming into Northern Ireland, as well as much needed revival among our own population too! The IMP is also opening another centre in Belfast so pray for this ministry as they will need more staff / volunteers.



Summer Holiday

We got two short breaks over the summer. One week in the West of Northern Ireland with the whole Cuthbert family and a long weekend at the end of August at the North Coast with Judith's parents (staying at Uncle Angus's house), which was unexpectedly warm. It was very special to have these times with family before the Robinsons moved to Spain and to take a few days away from normal routines. Eliab loved being with family from morning til night & has been bored since coming home!

He also loved his first beach experience (photos below).

