

SUAREZ UPDATE

|| "He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him." || Psalm 91 v 15 ||

Training

- We both undertook a weekend Course called 'Al Massria'. Which is a discipleship course designed to help friends from a M background to better understand the gospel
- Safeguarding - we recently took part in the legally required safeguarding training for WEC via Zoom

In the coming months :

- Avisai started his one year course (one day a week) at the Baptist Bible College in Moira on 17th September. It is an overview of many topics including OT and NT and mission. Some of which Avisai will have covered in Spanish in Mexico, but it will be new for him studying in English. We pray the course will provide us with new connections and opportunities as well as help Avisai improve his written English.
- Al Massira Zero - we are going to go through the course again for ourselves with a few people from our church who are interested to learn more.
- We hope to continue to explore online opportunities for ministry and pray for God to open new doors in our local area too.

Online Opportunities

The local ministries that we had been involved in temporarily closed during lockdown and have now changed how they will provide services in the coming year, meaning that for now they cannot use volunteers, like us. Yet, we have been amazed at the other online work we have been able to be part of, and we thank God for bringing these opportunities to us.

1. Mission and Me, London: Avisai was able to give his testimony and be part of this weekend for people interested in learning more about mission
2. WEC Summer Camps: We both took part in creating videos of various activities, Mexico themed, and a short talk about 'Hope', for the 2 weeks of camps in early August.
3. Preaching via facebook live streaming in Mexico: Avisai had the privilege of preaching to his home church congregation in Mexico, from our office room in Portadown! Amazing to be able to connect again with people we have not seen in over 2 years.
4. Leading devotionals and youth groups in various cities in Mexico as well as a prayer conference for churches, in which over 50 people were in the zoom meeting.
5. Small group on zoom with Mexican pastors in Spain: Avisai is part of a group of pastors who meet (zoom) every 2 weeks to challenge, encourage and pray for one another. Please pray for God's blessing on these pastors.
6. Cell group in Indonesia via zoom - it was so exciting and such a privilege to be asked to be part of the Cell group that Avisai used to attend when he lived in Indonesia in 2016.
7. Avisai is part of a small group of missionary men who regularly meet on zoom to pray for one another.
8. Avisai continues weekly zoom chats in Spanish with our brother-in-law Wayne to help give him conversation practice in Spanish, which has been limited during lockdown in Madrid.

Family Updates

- Eliab is doing very well and has changed so much during the past 6 months. He is really growing up! His 6 monthly review with paediatrician went well and she is very happy with how he is doing. However, due to Covid-19 he has missed his 2 year 'Health Visit' review and his 2 year annual review with the Child Development Clinic, which we hope will not be too much more delayed.



- Judith got an 'A' in her Spanish IGCSE. She is now praying for opportunities locally to use it, and to continue to learn & improve.

Please pray for ...

- Enriqueta (Avisai's mum) in Mexico and the rest of the family in Mexico, Spain and Dakar
- Manuel - that God would bless his life and provide for him and be his ever present friend at this difficult time
- Avisai as he gets into 'study mode' again. That God would bless him through this course and make him a blessing to others he meets

Manuel, from El Salvador

In the summer we were able to share a meal in our garden with one of the refugees we have had contact with. Manuel, 25, from El Salvador. He has had a really tough time during lockdown, really having nothing to be able to do and to be stuck in the house he has been placed in. There are 5 men of 5 different nationalities and speaking 5 languages. Their only common language is English, and with many of them having very basic English, communication can be difficult to say the least. We listened to more of Manuel's story of his life before coming to the UK and his journey here and why he came here. He said he has come to try to escape the gang lifestyle of El Salvador, and seek safety and a better life. But he now feels like he is wasting his 20's 'waiting'. And I asked him, "If you had known before coming to the UK how difficult it would be, would you have left home?" He said without hesitation, "No". Life for so many asylum seekers and refugees here can be tough. Apart from anything else the emotional and psychological strain is enormous.



Please pray for Manuel. That God would bless him and that the Home Office would make their decision quickly about his case so that the knows where he stands. He is not allowed to work while he waits on their decision. He has been here 2 years now.

Personally for us the last 6 months have felt difficult in many different ways. We know so many of you are struggling too. And we want to encourage each other that despite all we struggle with, we cling to the fact of who our God is - his character is unchanging amid all the uncertainties we face. And his love is immense. We know that though it can seem like nothing is happening, God is still at work. God bless you all.

Praise God for ...

- For His faithfulness throughout
- Great friends and family who support us in so many ways
- For our churches who support and pray for us faithfully

*With much love,
Avisai, Judith & Eliab*

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