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Dear friends & family,

I am so excited to be writing to you from Granada!! We are here and God is exceeding all our expectations. The boys are settled in the same school with really nice teachers and already making friends. Dave, Kelly and their 2 children Lucas and Jasmine have been living with us since the end of August whilst their house made ready to move into, hopefully by the end of October. We have started our daily morning worship and prayer meetings in our house and we are loving spending time every day in the presence of God. The overflow of this has been so many open



doors in the community and divine appointments it has blown us away. The few missionaries and Christians we have met working in the city have all told us how hard it is here to reach people and that they are not interested. Our experience has been almost everyone we have spoken with, even the ones who would say they are atheists, have some desire to know more about God. Only a few days ago I was sat in a car with the previous owner of our house, Alex. I said, 'I know you are an atheist but I want to pray for you and believe God wants to speak to you at this point in your life'. He replied, 'I do believe in God just not the church or religion, of course you can pray for me!'

Going where the wind blows

Our life now is totally focused around resting and soaking in the presence and goodness of God and then taking that with us into our day. We just want to go where the Holy Spirit takes us; this has meant football with Jehovah's Witnesses, being asked to give business and design advice to a struggling business in our town, encounters in parks, by rivers, at the school gate, in cafes and bars. Hosting people in our house, play dates with the kids, sharing meals and trying to be available to listen to people and share Jesus with them. We could open a church tomorrow and probably already have 4-5 people come along but God has told us not to rush. People have been incredibly open with us in what they have shared and 3 of our contacts we believe are very close to knowing Jesus.

Expect great things from God attempt great things for God

William Carey said the famous words above. We believe God wants to do something amazing here! We trust Him so we are willing to take risks. On Monday our great friends Juan & Irene Lopez from Bethel Church California will be visiting us for a couple of days as part of a longer trip to Spain. They are amazing people who are great lovers of God and ambassadors for Jesus. We have taken a risk and invited some of our friends to come and spend an evening at with them at our house for some tapas. I have been very upfront with everyone saying this will be an evening to meet with God and hear his voice. Although this is very sudden, and one of the people I haven't even met yet, we believe God is in this! Please pray for Carmen (a Catholic background teacher who regularly visits mediums), Corin, her boyfriend who is from a hippie family and originally from Glastonbury, UK! Pray for Rebecca, a single mum who is also a teacher, and Neli (the sister-in-law of Alex whom I mentioned earlier. We have never met but she wants to meet me as we have a shared connection with India, she is a yoga and meditation instructor). Please pray they all come and that they all have a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Amazing connections:

We love it when God connects us to other people with the same heart and a desire to build God's Kingdom and not their own. We have been looking for a church to attend where we can receive whilst we are reaching out to our community. This is not easy in a city of 250,000 and less than 10 churches. God has connected us to an amazing church just into the city about 10 mins away from La Zubia. It's been going 2 years and is led by a young Brazilian couple and a Spanish/English couple. We went last week and loved their heart and passion to explore what church should look like in order to enable un-churched people to connect with God. The Spanish/English couple, Raul and Juliet live 2 roads away from us which is incredible! They invited us to a cell group this last Wednesday and we met a young couple from Venezuela who also live in our town and have been praying for 8 years for God to start a church in La Zubia!! I could write so much more about all the amazing connections God has arranged since we moved here. We are so excited that He has us here for something amazing that He has been planning and positioning people for. We are expectant for an amazing move of God where 100s come to know Jesus. We are so honoured and excited that God has invited us on this journey!

Starting Fires

At the end of September I was back in the UK for a long weekend speaking at a men's retreat for Welton Baptist Church (one of our partner churches).

It was exciting to see God working in people's lives, affirming them, bringing freedom and healing and realising dreams and vision. I believe God started some fires in people's lives that will keep burning and will set others on fire.



Autumn has come in Spain and this week we had the first snow fall on the Sierra Nevada mountains which we see from our house. I have had 4 tons of olive wood delivered which will heat our house over the winter when temperature will get down to 0. As we continue with the lifestyle God has set in front of us we pray that every person we meet and everyone who comes to our house will have a Holy Spirit fire started in their hearts. That they may encounter God in all His Glory and that it will be the start of something amazing!

We are hungry for more, expectant for more and wanting to give our lives to be available for God to take and do something beautiful with. We don't want to do anything that He is not doing or go anywhere if He doesn't go with us. We are believing for an increase in the supernatural amongst us and for God to move quickly. Please pray for everyone we have met that the work Holy Spirit has started will come to completion, that we will build well with generosity and authenticity and for wisdom, boldness and joy as we take this journey onto the unknown with Jesus.

God bless you and thank you for being a part of this,

Love Chris, Liz, Leo & Samuel