

The Tagliatela family

"... How thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore" (Ruth 2:11).



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Greetings from sunny Zaragoza! After a spring of more rain than we have ever seen here, summer has finally arrived. The temperatures have been getting into the 90s, and everyone is preparing himself or herself for the typical Zaragoza summer, sunny and hot. Meanwhile, we continue to do the things that God has called us to do here.

2 Corinthians 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds"

As most of you know, prayer is one of the most powerful weapons that God has given us in our spiritual warfare. I would like to share with you a little bit of what prayer has accomplished so far in one of our families that live in the town of Cariñena. When we first started visiting the town, José Manuel told us very clearly that he was not interested in any kind of witnessing or ministry. During the last few years, as we continue to travel to the town, we have seen the Lord doing a great work in his life. Recently, when he found out that we were visiting some Romanians in a nearby town, he offered to come visiting with us if we went on a Saturday. He has taken a personal interest in trying to encourage both Ivan, who lives in La Almunia (20km from Cariñena), and Emilio, who is from Cariñena. Just a few weeks ago, he took some days of vacation and went visiting with me in La Almunia. Knowing his previous attitude toward ministry, I asked him what he wanted to do, and he told me that he was willing to help me do whatever I planned on doing, including door-to-door questionnaires. He has also offered his help to minister to more to the men in the Zaragoza church. It has been such a blessing to see him grow, and so when he came to me asking advice about how to deal with his brother-in-law Manolo, I told him that we would pray. By we I meant both my family, and you folks, our "extended family."

The story of what God is doing in that family is a testimony of God's power working through the prayers of the saints. A few years ago, José and his wife Belén invited their niece, Miriam, to an English coffee house with a couple Americans and some young people from the Zaragoza church. Miriam realized that faith isn't just for adults. She began attending church, and later got saved. She also invited her cousin, Laura, who came to church for a while. Miriam is now studying in another city, Logroño, where she continues to study her Bible and share her faith with her classmates. At the same time, Belén's mother, Adoración, and Laura's mother, Dori, were studying with the Jehovah's Witnesses. The resulting confusion caused Laura to stop coming to church. Adoración was at the point of getting baptized, when the Lord opened her eyes and she stopped attending. She and Dori have started coming to the church in Zaragoza on a regular basis, and Laura is also interested in coming back to church. However Laura's, father, Manolo, is very opposed to either Dori or Laura going to church. José asked me what he should do, since Manolo has heard the gospel several times, and not only has rejected it, but has begun delving into Eastern religions. **Please pray for this family, that God would continue to work and be glorified. Pray for José Manuel and Belén; Miriam; Dori, Manolo, and Laura; and Adoración.**

3 John 4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Some time ago, I used this verse to share with you all what God has been doing in the lives of our physical children. This month I would like to share the same verse and talk about a few of our spiritual children. One Wednesday night several weeks ago, Javier and Emilio encouraged each other to attend prayer meeting. After the service, Javier drove me home, and as I sat in the back seat, I listened to the two of them discussing recent events in their lives. Without my saying a word, the two of them came to the same conclusion, that God wants both of them to make a greater commitment to the Lord in a specific area. It was such a joy to hear them respond to the Lord's working in their lives instead of **my** working. They have since been very faithful. This past week, as another believer sought my counsel regarding a decision he needs to make in his life, both Javier and Emilio asked if they could say something. Both of them proceeded to give this brother some very sound, practical and wise advice regarding his life. I am still not sure if this other brother recognizes it, but I could not help but think that it was the Holy Spirit speaking to him, using these two men as a result of their commitment to the Lord. Meanwhile, both Juan and David continue to bless me with their growth. Juan has taken total responsibility for the ministries that we have in Tauste, in Pina de Ebro and in Herrera de los Navarros. He usually spends several weeks every summer on the coast, but has made sure that there are people who will be visiting and giving Bible studies in his place while he is gone. David, who usually pairs up with someone else when we are doing door-to-door questionnaires, has been with me several times during the last few weeks. When I hear him speak to these people, challenging their beliefs with scriptural principles, I am simply amazed. When he starting going out with us eight years ago, he would never speak to anyone, only being capable of handing out tracts, but God's word has changed him. If God can change a 77-year old man, a disabled truck driver, an ex-drug addict and alcoholic, and a sales manager, whom can't he change? **Please keep praying for Javier, Emilio, Juan, David, and the other men and women who work with us in the ministry here.**

In closing, I would like to share a little tidbit of information that I heard from a woman that we recently met. Inmaculada has been involved in sales for the past several years, and she told me that Zaragoza is a city for trial projects. Companies know that if something works in Zaragoza, it will work anywhere. If a product sells here, they are confident that it will sell in all of the other markets. I hope this letter confirms to all of you that the preaching of the gospel and discipling the believers with the word of God works here in Zaragoza. My desire, as always, is to encourage all of you who support us. Because it works here, we can be sure it works anywhere, AMEN?

Sincerely,

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