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## *Missionary to Spain*

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Dear Church and Pastor,

I pray this letter finds each of you doing well! We are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord and hope that after reading this letter you also will rejoice with us.

As you know, in May we returned to the states as Mid-Way Baptist Church in Kountze, TX, was in discussions about assuming our sponsorship. I am thrilled to announce that Mid-Way voted unanimously to become our sponsoring church!!!! At the time that I write this letter we are in Kountze spending time with our new home church and enjoying our time with them. I sincerely appreciate each of you who have continued to support us through this transition. We also appreciate and want to thank the Leagueville Baptist Church and Pastor Tom Bragdon for their help in collecting our support during this transition time. Those of you who have sent your support to Leagueville Baptist Church can now send it directly to the Mid-Way Baptist Church.

To give you an update on the work in Spain I would like to begin by giving you a report on what we have been able to do until now. As you know when we initially moved to Spain we lived relatively close to the church in Barcelona. While in language school, I was able to be involved with the church by working with the youth/young adult group there. We have been able to see some baptized and all of them become active members in the church which is a true blessing. We also have been able to counsel with some of the members who were going through hardships and trials and also give some marital classes to others. This church has been through a lot in the past few years and we have had the privilege to see them rise above adversity and come out shining! One huge accomplishment of the church, which I am proud to announce, is that they have recently officially voted Javi Pérez as their pastor. This is a big step for them and I ask that you please pray for Javi and the church.

Now I would like to give you a "game plan" for what we would like to do upon our return to Spain. We have been trying to come up with ways in order to reach the people of Spain. There are some who have the idea that how we reach the people South America should be the way we reach people in Spain. However, the Spanish people are not like those of South America or the United States for that matter. Statistically speaking Spain is a catholic nation however, in reality is a practical atheistic, agnostic, and apathetic society in their way of thinking. Therefore, we have to come up with innovative/non-traditional ways to reach these people with the Gospel without compromising our convictions. Building relationships, as slow a process as it may be, has proven to

be the best way of being able to share the Gospel with them. The Spanish are not the most trusting people when you initially meet them and for this reason the work in Spain is very slow. We have been establishing relationships with the people in our town for three years while at the same time slowly introducing the Gospel every time we are given opportunity. One way that we plan to continue doing this is teaching mini-conferences on subjects that the people there have need of in their lives while at the same time offering a biblical perspective on the particular subject. There are other activities that we plan on doing however one thing holding us back at the moment is a building. I realize that I have mentioned this before but the fact of the matter is that, for various circumstances, have not yet been able to rent a place where we can meet regularly. It is a fundamental necessity for us to have a building as the people we work with are very reluctant to attend services in our home and for us to go to their homes for Bible studies. Also it will give credibility to the work there if they are able to physically see that there is a place that they can come to. Before leaving Spain we found a building that we would like to rent upon our return there. It is a relatively large building for our town and in a very good location off the main walking street where most of the stores are and where it can be seen by passersby. We are praying for this building to still be available when we return and ask that you do the same.

Once again I want to say thank you to everyone for your faithful prayer and financial support. We believe that God has great things in store for us and we just ask that you pray for us and our ministry in Spain.

May the Lord bless you all!

In Christ,

Nathan Wheatley