



Chalks in Santander Missionaries to Spain

**Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
(John 12:20-21)**

Left at the door! These Greeks came to Philip's door and expressed a desire to see Jesus. That's a good thing - right? So Philip told Jesus, and what did Jesus do? He started teaching His disciples, ignoring the men at the door. They are not mentioned again. Have you ever thought about why? The context (as usual) answers the question. For three and one half years, Jesus had time for everyone: the Greeks (Gentiles), the Jews, the poor, the rich, the Samaritans, the demon-possessed, the well, the sick, whoever would come to Him. When those Greeks came to the door, Jesus was finished with his public ministry. He was on the way to Calvary but had some final teaching for His disciples. In other words, the Greeks were left at the door because they were too late; the door to Jesus was closed. By the grace of God, the door has been opened again, and for a time, those that come to Him, He will by no means cast out. But that door too will close. Our calling is to invite as many as we can to enter that door before it is too late.

On a personal note, we have been waiting since December for Jack to have a heart catheterization. His angina is severe and waiting is not easy. The only hospital in the region that does heart procedures has a waiting list of over 13,000 surgical procedures with only 20 operating rooms functioning and only 15 ICU beds not used for Covid patients. By early March we will decide about going back to Córdoba to have it done. Please help us pray.

We try to keep up with what is going on in the countries where we have served. Sierra Leone is having a drug crisis presently. There is a new drug there called Kush. It is described as "a chemical powder that is mixed with a solvent like acetone [used in nail polish remover] and sprayed onto a plant or similar substance." It doesn't matter what plants are used as long as they are dry and can be crushed and smoked like cannabis. It is easy to get the ingredients and easy to make. The effect it has is much worse than any other drug. It makes people lose all sense of preservation: they self-harm, commit suicide, and harm other people. There was an outbreak of it in Houston, Texas a few years ago. Even the street people saw the danger, and it disappeared. Please pray that it would disappear soon from Sierra Leone.

Ann has been out looking for homeless people to minister to, but there don't seem to be many right now. The weather is colder and with Covid cases on the decrease, NGO's that feed the homeless have become active again, so less need for them to beg. However, God is bringing people to our home that need ministering to. Since we cannot go right now, we appreciate God sending them to us. With the holidays and newsletter deadline, we did not get to report that Jack was invited to speak to the leaders of our church here at a special meeting at the end of November. He spoke on the importance of the one-another verses for the local church.

This waiting for health issues to be resolved has been very hard for us. We do appreciate your prayers and support so very much as we wait on the Lord.

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