

The Witte Family Missionaries in Spain

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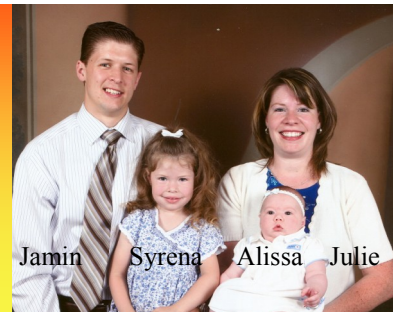
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Dear Praying Friends,

We are happy to announce that Julie gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Andrew Jamin Witte, on the 7th of June. He weighed 7½ pounds and was 19 inches long. We praise the Lord for Julie's fast recovery and for the continued health of Andrew. Of course, having a baby in a foreign country is a lot more than just giving birth, although that is the hardest part. Once the baby is born, we start right away getting the proper paperwork done, waiting in lines in government buildings, registering him at the American embassy, getting his social security card, getting his birth-abroad certificate, as well as his American passport, and a host of other things that have to be done to make him legal here in Spain.

We also are happy to report that our family has been approved for two more years of residence in Spain, and the next time we renew, we will be receiving our five-year permanent visa. We have invested literally hundreds of hours doing paperwork to be able to work legally as missionaries in Spain.

In spite of all the perfunctory things a missionary must do to have the privilege of being in a foreign country, we have not lost our focus in preaching the Gospel to every creature. In fact, it has increased. Since the last prayer letter, I have been able to go through the plan of salvation with more than 50 people on the street, and I also have been able to pass out many tracts. The results have been very limited and sometimes can be discouraging. I believe that the Gospel will not return void and that time, patience, and consistency are some of the things that are necessary in building a work in Europe. For example, in the States—speaking from personal experience—about 7 out of 10 people that I would present the Gospel to would make a profession of faith. Here, out of 50 people that I presented the Gospel to, I didn't see one profession of faith, which even in Spain, I must admit, is unusual. Same plan, same Gospel, different results. In Acts 17, Paul had great results in Berea; however, in Athens, "*And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked....*" Same Gospel but different results. We have had our share of people mocking us and scoffing at the Gospel; however, others have said to us with sincere interest: "*...We will hear thee again of this matter.*" We realize we are in a country with fallow ground, and we realize when we give the Gospel that it more than likely the first time they have ever heard anything like that. We believe that if we remain faithful in this country, eventually certain men will trust Christ as their Saviour and cleave unto us like they did in Acts 17:34. Please join us as never before, begging God to do a work here in Jerez, Spain.

Praises:

1. As missionaries we are all aware of the struggling dollar against the Euro and against other foreign currencies. We also are aware that the cost of living in the United States has increased considerably and want to praise the Lord for your faithful support through trying times in your lives and for your dedication in continuing to make our ministry possible here in Spain.
2. I want to praise the Lord for providing me a soul-winning partner on Tuesday nights. His name is Andres; he is a 22-year-old Brazilian who speaks Spanish fluently.
3. We praise the Lord for the Beck family that has returned to Spain as missionaries and their desire to get the Gospel out in the nearby cities of Rota and El Puerto de Santa Maria.
4. I want to thank the Lord for the new Spanish family that has been coming to our church and for the recent salvation of the dad. His name is Ignacio.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We love you all and are proud to be serving as an extension of the soul-winning ministry of your church here in Spain.

Laborers together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamin Witte".

Jamin Witte

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