



JANUARY 30, 2023

Mana and Me at the Lake.



## Happy Monday!

Grace and peace to you! I hope you are doing well and staying warm! Southern Spain is experiencing colder than usual winter temperatures. The lows have been mid 30s which feels pretty chilly when none of the buildings have central heat. Thankfully the highs during the day in the sunshine are mid 60s, but often the buildings are considerably colder than the outside temperature. In October, I started to have issues with the AC unit in my living room (it dripped water inside) and I was told that it needed to be cleaned out before I could use it again. The AC unit has the ability to produce hot air, but I was hesitant to try it after my experience with water pouring from the unit into my living room. Through a series of events, a friend explained to me that it might not drip water when producing hot air, and that I should try it to see. Well wouldn't you know that the unit gives out hot air without a single drop of water! Praise God! This has made the living room much more enjoyable and I have a small portable heater that I am able to use in other spaces around the apartment. I've been told that the weather usually starts to warm up in February so we are almost there! :-)



Friday English class with Mercedes and Selmu



Church ladies huddled around a heater in the back of the sanctuary

## PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

\* Praise God that I was able to get together with Mana twice this week! On Tuesday we met in the city center and then she invited me to her house for lunch. On Sunday we met up to walk around the lakes together. It has been so special to learn more about her and to grow in friendship. Please keep praying for her!

- Praise God that Mercedes feels the Lord has given her a desire to partner with me in building friendships with the Saharawi. This is a HUGE answer to prayer!
- Praise God that the Perspectives class will begin this week! It is an online course but will have some in person elements. We will have a Zoom meeting on Thursday for the students to learn expectations of the course and familiarize themselves with the platform. Lessons 1 and 2 will be taught in person on Saturday, February 11th. Please pray for the students to have a strong start and for the Lord to move powerfully over these weeks and months.
- Please pray for session 2 of an Evangelism Training that will take place in March. I am helping to organize some of the logistics for this and would appreciate wisdom for guidance!
- On Wednesday, I am going to meet up with a man who has worked for many years to engage the Saharawi. He and his wife currently live in Malaga, Spain. I am excited to learn from him and explore how we might collaborate. Please pray for this meeting!
- Please pray for wisdom, discernment and creativity as I consider planning and hosting a women's event in February. The Lord has laid it on my heart to open my home to women from church, Saharawi friends, and women from the Tharsis staff. I want to obey the Holy Spirit's leading and serve these ladies in a way that is meaningful to them and reflects the love of Jesus.