



FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Me and Mana



Walking with our Lord Jesus

Can you believe that the month of February is almost over? Time goes by so fast and truly each day is a gift to walk with our Lord Jesus and serve others in love. I have been meditating on these verses this week and I pray they bless you as they have blessed me. "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

On Wednesday morning, I had just finished an online training and was working on a document to delineate budget items for the upcoming Evangelism Training in March. My phone rang and it was my Saharawi friend, Mana. She said, "Karen, how are you? How is your family? Are you home?" I responded with, "I am doing well, my family is too and yes, I am home." Then she said, "Great! I am near your house. I am going to come by for a visit!" In all honesty, I looked at my computer with the work I was doing, but then I responded, "Great! See you soon!" I switched gears from thinking about numbers to praying for this friend and our visit. I got up from my desk and went to the kitchen to prepare a plate of croissants and dates to serve my guest when she arrived. We had a sweet visit and throughout our conversation, the Holy Spirit prompted me to share several Biblical truths. I am thankful for her and the time we could spend together. I am also thankful for the Lord's work in my heart as I tend to be Type A



A typical Andalusian breakfast (bread, salmorejo and ham)



Me shopping for the Afghan family

and I value tasks and planning, but over many years the Lord has been teaching me that relationships are more important and He helps me to be flexible.

PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise God for the conference that I will attend this coming week. I fly out tomorrow, Monday morning and will return Friday night. Please pray for traveling mercies, for good connections at the conference and that I would learn much to implement in my ministry.
 - * Praise God that this week I was able to support an Afghan refugee family of 4 who found out that they had scabies. They needed all new clothing while they completed the necessary treatment. Tharsis was able to gather some items as donations and I was able to use my AIM work funds to purchase the remaining items they needed. Thank YOU for your generosity so that together we could meet this unexpected need for this family.
- We decided to hold off on the English classes at Tharsis until March 14 so that when we start, we can meet consistently. Please be praying for those times and relationships!
- Please continue to pray for the women's church event on March 4th and the Evangelism Training and outreach events from March 8-12. that I mentioned in my last email passed away last Sunday. Please continue to pray for Isabel and the 3 kids, who are grieving the loss of their husband and father.