

Creator and Sustainer

For my update this week, I would like to share Psalm 103 with you. I have been meditating on this Psalm quite a bit lately and it is so rich! I pray the Lord uses His Word to bless you as He has been using it to bless me.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!"

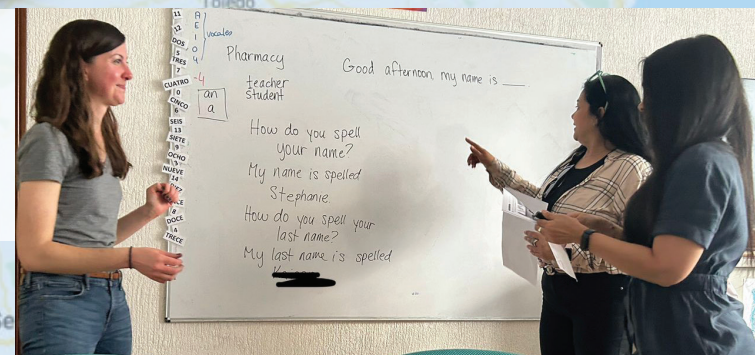


Me, introducing my friend to churros & chocolate!

The birthday party, the petting zoo



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PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise God for a wonderful English class with new refugees at Tharsis! I was so happy to see their excitement to learn. Please pray that these classes continue to go well for God's honor and glory. Pray that I can build strong relationships with the students that lead to spiritual conversations.
- * Praise God for the sweet time with my fellow AIM worker from North Africa. It was encouraging to share stories of our transitions to overseas life and to be reminded yet again of our Father's goodness and faithfulness.
- * Praise God for time with my Spanish family - last Monday we celebrated Daniela's second birthday and yesterday we enjoyed the spring weather as we visited a nearby petting zoo.
- * Please pray for my time working with an afghan refugee. This precious lady does not have literacy skills in any language, but since being at Tharsis she has learned how to write her name! We are now working on vowel sounds. What we lack in a shared language, we make up with lots of smiles and gestures. Please pray that she would sense the love of Jesus and would ultimately come to know Him!
- * Pray for outreach events that the church will have over Easter weekend. Ana Mari and I will be planning the time with the children so please pray we have wisdom and creativity.
- * Continue praying for my Saharawi friends and others around the world who are participating in Ramadan. May the Lord reveal himself to those who seek him with all their heart (Jer 29:13).