



BUZZING AND BLOSSOMING CITY STREETS

The city of Jerez is buzzing with excitement as the Feria de los Caballos started yesterday. This is an annual week long event with over 150 booths set up as well as amusement park rides. You can eat, dance, shop, take a stroll, ride in a horse drawn carriage etc. Many of the ladies and children attend wearing flamenco style dresses. Many local artists give flamenco style performances. It is definitely a cultural event and I am learning a lot!

This week, I called my friend Salma to tell her about our women's event on May 27th. In our conversation, she told me that her refrigerator had broken and there were other issues in her kitchen that needed immediate attention. She is a single mom of 3 and I could tell that she was stressed and overwhelmed. She said that many of her friends and family were contributing to help her with these unexpected costs. After ending our conversation, I wanted to help too and began to pray about the best way. After speaking with Pedro and Elsa, we gave her a financial contribution toward her housing costs from all of us. She called me afterward and was so very appreciative. She said that the amount we gave was exactly the amount that she still needed to purchase a new refrigerator. She said it was "luck." I shared gently that I don't believe it was luck but that it was God who knew exactly what she needed and lovingly provided for her. Praise God for the opportunity to serve this sweet friend. Please pray for her to have continued wisdom, resources, and ability to care for the various issues in her kitchen. Pray also that she would come to have a personal relationship with the God who sees and cares for her.



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The pictures are of our coffee with the guy from the center, the Bibles we use in our discipleship sessions, the lights of the Feria, and the gorgeous trees with purple blossoms that are currently filling the city streets.



PRaise AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise God that I was able to begin meeting weekly with K and her mom L who are North African believers. We will be meeting every Wednesday evening to study Scripture together. Please pray this time is a blessing for all of us - that we all grow closer to our Lord and that we share what we learn with those around us.
- * Praise that Elsa and I were able to get coffee with a young guy from the center. He is going through a hard time personally. We listened and encouraged and pray for more opportunities for spiritual conversations.
- * Praise that I was able to begin the process of hosting a Saharawi child from the refugee camps for 2 months this summer. Please pray the Lord will be over all of the details and that He will use this to make a Kingdom impact.
- Please keep praying for our Saharawi ladies event on May 27th. The topic of our talk will be, "Woman, how much are you worth?" Please pray that each of these ladies will see their worth before their Creator God and will come to know the extent He went to in order to redeem them from the bondage of sin and shame.
- Pray for the visitors that we will host in June: the Media Team Leader from the home office (beginning of the month) and the DreamTeam (end of the month). May the Lord bless the preparation of these visits and use the time to advance His Kingdom. Praise that I was able to begin the process of hosting a Saharawi child from the refugee camps for 2 months this summer. Please pray the Lord will be over all of the details and that He will use this to make a Kingdom impact.