



July 17, 2023

1. Yusef and I at the beach.
2. Yusef in Sunday School.
- 3 & 4. Fun outings with friends.

## ALL TO JESUS

As I reflect and write this email, I am so thankful for the Lord's provision and faithfulness. This past Saturday was my one year anniversary of moving to Spain. Those of you who have traveled to new places know that while it's exciting, it is also a very humbling experience. Things that are easy, automatic, natural for you in your home culture are suddenly no longer easy, automatic or natural. You feel like a baby. During that season the Lord helped me to rely on Him. As the Good Shepherd that He is, He has walked alongside me every step of the way. He also helped me to receive support from dear brothers and sisters who have now become my Spanish family. There have been many high moments and many low moments in this past year, but the Lord has remained constant, faithful and good.

THANK YOU for your consistent support over this year. Thank you also for your prayers in preparation for my host child! Yusef has been with me for a week now and we are developing a sweet relationship! He is a kind, responsible and silly 9 year old boy! :-) His Spanish is quite limited but he is understanding and speaking more each day. It has been special to experience "normal" things for the first time through his eyes - things like riding an elevator/escalator, going to the beach, and eating a McFlurry! It has been so fun to see his smile more as he feels more comfortable! Most nights he stands on his bed and recites Islamic prayers before going to sleep. I take advantage of those moments as I stand outside of his room to pray for his precious heart. Please continue to join me in those prayers!



### PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- \* Praise God for Yusef's arrival and for conversations with his family members back in the camps. Please pray for strong relationships, intentionality in planting gospel seeds, and that the Lord would use this time to make a Kingdom impact.
- \* Praise that Yusef and I have connected with a Moroccan family from church that has an 8 year old son. The boys get along well and the playdates have been a blessing for all involved!
- \* Praise that I was able to take Yusef to church on Sunday and that I could play some chapters of Genesis for him in his mother tongue.
- \* Please continue to pray that I will be granted the residency extension and will hear the decision soon. I have been told that it can take up to 3 months to hear back.

