

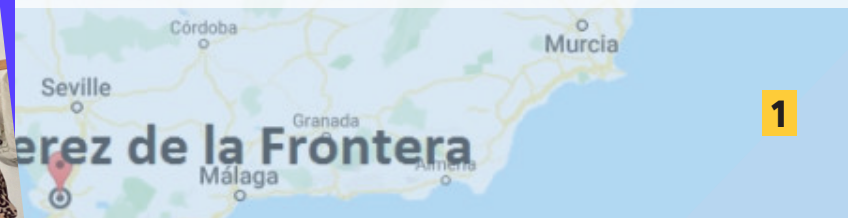
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## Pressing on

With the combination of the earthquake in Morocco this past Friday, and today being 9/11, I am feeling rather reflective as I write this update. Both events are reminders that there is no guarantee for tomorrow. I have been thinking about the Great Commission and feel the Lord reminding me of the urgency of this task. "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matt 28:18-20 I love how this passage starts and ends with statements about Jesus, and the middle section has active verbs that we can only do by the power of the Holy Spirit. May we remember His authority, obey His invitation to move with Him, and rest in His presence.

1. Celebrating Mercedes' 40th birthday at Tharsis
2. Cooking with Salma
3. Visiting with the guys.



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## PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- \* Praise that I was able to spend time with my friend Salma and her daughters on Saturday. We cooked, laughed, ate and shared heart conversations together. Thank you for praying for this time!
- \* Praise that later on Saturday, David, Elsa and I visited with several guys who have gone through the program at Tharsis. They are now living and working in the area but the relationships continue. One of the guys from Gambia affectionately calls Elsa and David "mom and dad." Please pray for these guys to flourish in every way, especially spiritually by coming to know Jesus.
- \* Please pray for the Afghan refugee family that has been with Tharsis. Today they moved on with their journey. I was able to accompany them to the train station and give farewell kisses and hugs to the sweet mom. They have had a rough journey, but I am thankful for the opportunity to show them the love of Jesus and tell this dear woman that she is special and that God loves her. Please pray that God will put other believers in their path and will draw them unto Himself.
- \* Please pray for all of those who are suffering in Morocco since the earthquake. Pray the Lord would use this to advance the gospel. Pray for my church and other believers in Spain who want to help and need discernment to know the best way.
- \* Pray for upcoming trips to North Africa for the medical missions trip and to visit Yusef's family. May the Lord prepare, direct and bless those times for His honor and glory.