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Unplowed Ground

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Amsterdam

Christmas: Despite being many miles from family and friends we had a wonderful Christmas. Kelly played in the Christmas eve service at Crossroads. The service was well done and many people who don't often attend church were there. On Christmas Day we had seven other internationals over to our home for dinner. The next day we spent with our Dutch "family" and enjoyed Play Dough and horse-rides. For New Year's Eve we celebrated with a couple who has been helping us with our Spanish. At 12:00 we went outside to watch the shower of fireworks the people around us were shooting off.



Wrapping up our internships: The next month will be a time of incorporating what we have learned here in Amsterdam into our roles in Madrid. April will be working on a training for small group leaders. Kelly will be addressing some of the "logistics" of a worship ministry as well as learning more about incorporating the creative arts at Mountainview.



Iowa

Yes, we will be returning to Iowa soon. Due to Spanish policy, we are required to pick up our residence visas in the United States. So, to our families gratitude, we will be returning for a few weeks, hopefully during the month of February, to collect our visas and visit people.

Madrid

Mountainview: We are anxious to join the great work our team is doing in Madrid. Mountainview is taking the next major step as a growing church community. The 25 or so committed members will be meeting for 13 weeks starting in January for worship, teaching, and discussion about the future of the church. Hopefully this time will provide the foundation for the Mountainview community for years to come. Troy, our team leader, joined us in Amsterdam for a few days at the end of December. We were able to ask many questions about what is happening in Madrid, as well as gain better understanding of what our roles will be. Plus, we had a little fun "team-building" time together.

The move: We will officially be headed to Madrid on January 31st. We will initially be moving in with a Spanish-American couple who are a few years older than us while we look for an apartment. We will also be starting language classes soon after we settle in. Taking these classes will not only help us communicate better, but also help us meet other Internationals.

Thanks for all the encouragement!

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