



Since April and I moved to Madrid, we've been questioning what it means to be city people, living downtown where almost daily people on the streets ask us for food and money.



Having grown up in churches that challenged us to actively serve the hungry and the poor, April and I have been craving some way to help the people in need here in Madrid. After a year and a half, God is teaching once again that He provides opportunities in his own time.

In the last half year, God has been giving us people at Mountainview who have a heart for serving others. In fact, the small group that meets in our home has decided to study a curriculum called Hunger No More from Bread For the World. We've had the opportunity as a group to discuss and educate ourselves on world hunger and poverty and the biblical foundations for a life of service.

Until recently, the missing link was an actual opportunity to serve others. It's been extremely difficult for us to find organizations that need help due to barriers in language, culture, and government. However, a close friend of ours, Robyn Bowles, found an organization in a town just outside of Madrid called Operación SOS.

Operación SOS is a Spanish Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) run by a couple named Alejandro and Mary Beth. Currently, they make trips to Mauritania, a country in Northern Africa, with truck-fuls of goods that are useful to projects and organizations already working there. The distinct advantage of over-land transport is the goods are delivered in person with less risk of being held up in customs, being stolen, or paying high bribes for delivery. Operación SOS also make trips to help children in an orphanage in Morocco. Additionally, they are developing ministries to African immigrants who live in Spain.

In August Operación SOS is making another trip to Mauritania, so they asked if Mountainview would help them prepare for their trip. A small group from Mountainview spent a Saturday with Alejandro and Mary Beth sorting boxes and fixing radios to go to Mauritania. We had a barbecue together, and Alejandro proudly gave us a tour of their truck.



Once again, God provided the opportunity in his own time.

- * We ask for your prayers for a continuing relationship with Operación SOS. Pray for their August trip to Mauritania.
- * Prayers as we renew April's Spanish residency card
- * Pray for Cady Family on furlough in the States
- * Pray for our CAI Staff Conference in mid-August
- * Pray for team relationships as we enter Fall season and Sensenig family joins our team.

Blessings,

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