

Unplowed Ground 9.22.05

We figured you would all be anxious to hear how our move and settling in is going, so although everything still feels so new, I thought I would catch you up on what has been happening.

The Move

Everything went very smoothly and with God's blessing. We arrived in Castellón a month ago on August 21. We had an excellent and refreshing time at CA Staff Conference at the beginning of August, but were anxious to get to Castellón and start looking for an apartment. We only looked for three days and God extravagantly gifted us with



an apartment three times the size we expected at the price we were hoping to pay. So, we now have three guest bedrooms and a large living room and kitchen. We are excited to see what He has in store for this apartment and are already brainstorming ways that we can use it for hospitality and ministry. We have opened it to the other students from my program who are arriving while they look for their own apartments and also were already visited by some of our former teammates from Madrid.

School

I start classes on Monday and am looking forward to getting into the routine of learning and interacting. We talked with a few students from last year's program, and they all said they learned the most from the friendships and discussions taking place in the diverse group. This year there are over 25 countries represented between 60 students. I have already met a few of my classmates who have lived places like Lebanon, Brazil, and Dubai. Kelly and I are realizing that we will more quickly and intimately get to know non-Christians here than we had the opportunity to in Madrid. We are obviously excited about this, but also have some fear at the prospect of being authentic witnesses to the importance of Christ in our lives, especially as we seem to be the only ones. Please pray for wisdom, courage, and most of all love in these relationships.

Web-design

Kelly has already jumped head first into his new job. On Tuesday he will be going to Sophia Antipolis (France) to have a "Website Powwow" with the new church there. Basically this means they will spend two days brainstorming and developing the content, structure, and initial design of the website. Kelly has put a lot of time and research into the process they will be using, so we hope it works well. In addition to preparing for that, he has been working on redesigning and editing the internal monthly e-newsletter of Christian Associates and helping prepare for the first Christian Associates Worship conference that will be happening in January.



PRAYERS:

- * Praise and more praise for a wonderful apartment
- * For meaningful relationships with April's classmates
- * For a church God wants us to be involved in
- * Traveling safety for Kelly

So there's the quick summary. Thanks for a great summer and your ongoing support and prayers!

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