



Dear friends, family, supporters, and prayer warriors, thanks for continuing to read these updates each month and for praying for me! This July, I have spent many hours in Madrid's city center at a language school to continue learning Spanish. I've met and interacted with many "extranjeros" (foreigners) in my class, some who were here for 2-4 weeks, and others who have recently moved to Spain and need to acquire the language. I've become acquainted with people from Italy, Tunisia, Morocco, France, England, Brazil, and even Congo!

A little more detail about my experience: Taking the train (picture below) into Madrid, and then using the metro (subway) to get to the very center (Sol), was the daily commute to the school. At first, I was placed into a more advanced class, but I eventually had to switch to a lower-level class, which ended up to be a much better "fit" for me. Not only was I getting some needed review and practice with the second class, but I was also learning new things, and was able to follow along and participate in class better. I also got to see some great teaching from my Spanish teacher, and take a few new ideas for myself. A few of my classmates live and work/study in Madrid, so even though today was my last day of class, I hope to meet up with them again in the fall to hang out sometime. I pray that I can have some more opportunities to be salt and light, and to represent Jesus Christ in truth and love.



I'm excited for this new season of learning, but I also know it will be stretching and growing me. I pray that I will grow spiritually as well. A simple prayer sits next to my bed, reminding me that the Lord must do the work in me before I can be used of Him. "Lord, make my mind and heart submissive to your authority, sensitive to your Spirit, satisfied with your love, and saturated with your grace."

Praises:

- A fun visit from my old roommate Hannah and her husband Simon!
- The Spanish I've learned this month!
- New friendships (non-believers) made through language school!

Prayer Requests:

- For me, as I enter this new season where language learning is a main focus, while still continuing various ministries, some afternoons.
- For my unsaved friends here (Ami, Cristina, Maribel, others).
- For more teachers to come serve at ECA! We have had record numbers of enrollment in high school over the past few years.