

# MADRID, SPAIN

MISSIONS TRIP EXPERIENCE

MARCH 14-21, 2026



*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."*

✧ Matthew 28:18-20 ✧

## THE NEED

Madrid is one of the most vibrant and influential cities in Europe, yet it is also one of the most spiritually underserved. Less than 1% of Spaniards are evangelical believers, and among university students that number is even lower. Many young adults have grown up with little to no exposure to the gospel, shaped instead by a strong secular culture marked by skepticism toward organized religion, deep isolation, and spiritual apathy.



At the same time, Madrid is home to more than 300,000 university students, including thousands of international students who are searching for community, meaning, and direction. Mental health struggles, loneliness, and anxiety are widespread, yet few students have access to safe spaces where faith, doubt, and life can be honestly explored.

In response to this need, Centro Metanoia was launched as a gospel-centered community hub in the heart of the university corridor—creating space for relationship, discipleship, and gospel presence. As ministry continues to grow, there is a clear and urgent need for both spiritual investment in students and physical labor to strengthen the ministry center itself for long-term impact.

## THE MINISTRY

This team will partner with Metanoia Church Plant and RUF Madrid (Reformed University Fellowship – Global), a ministry focused on reaching university students and young adults with the gospel.

Metanoia serves as both:

- A church planting hub
- A student outreach center
- A community gathering space for believers, skeptics, and seekers alike

Weekly ministry includes:

- University Bible studies
- English conversation nights
- Cinema Nights and Artisan Workshops
- Community meals and outreach events
- Sunday gatherings for the forming church

Your team will come alongside missionaries who are actively engaged in:

- Student evangelism and discipleship
- Church planting and leadership development
- Community outreach in a highly secular environment.

We will be working alongside WPC supported missionaries Matthew and Kathryn Winenger.



## THE MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE

This trip will combine relational student ministry, church outreach, and hands-on renovation work. Team members can expect a full and meaningful experience that includes:

- Learning firsthand about life, faith, and ministry in post-Christian Europe
- Partnering directly with RUF Madrid to engage university students through:
  - Campus presence
  - Conversations with students
  - Relational evangelism
- Assisting with church outreach events in the evenings. Could be events in a local park or at the ministry center.
- Participating in hands-on service projects, including:
  - Basement remodeling at the Metanoia Center
  - Construction preparation for an accessible restroom
  - General facility improvements for ministry use
- Encouraging missionaries through presence, prayer, and shared ministry
- Listening to the spiritual stories of students and young adults navigating faith for the first time
- Fellowship as a team while being immersed in Spanish culture and urban European life

## COST

The cost for the trip will be \$1300 plus airfare (approx. \$1200). In addition to these two items you may/will need to pay for 3-4 meals while traveling.

## MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

- A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 people.
- The trip is first come, first served!

## FAQ

- Who can attend? Approved persons who are at least Juniors in High School.
- Do I need to be vaccinated against COVID 19 to travel to Spain? No.
- How many meetings before and after the trip should I expect? There will be three to four meetings before the trip and another two to three after the trip.
- Where will we stay? In missionary approved housing that is still being worked out.
- Is Spain safe to travel to? As of January 10, 2026, the U.S. Department of State puts Spain at a level 2 – “Exercise Increased Caution.” It lists certain areas to avoid, and we avoid those areas! However, please remember that all travel has its risks!
- How will we travel from place to place? Mostly by public transportation as instructed by the missionaries.

- How long does it take to get to Madrid from the states? Think in terms of 14+ hours from the time you leave your home until the time you get to the airport in Madrid!
- What about a packing list? Packing details, a specific trip schedule and more will be available at the first team meeting.
- Do I need any shots to participate? Yes. You must have had a tetanus booster within the last ten years. Please see the CDC.GOV website for recommended shots. Which shots you choose to get is a personal decision.
- What resources will we have to pay for the trip? The Westminster Huntsville Missions Team will contribute up to 50% of the trip cost. The exact amount is dependent on how much money is available in the Short-Term Missions Fund and the number of participants going on trips. You will need to raise the rest through fundraising letters, odd jobs, emptying your piggy bank (or your parents' piggy bank), etc.
- What if I have further questions about this trip? Contact Pastor Roberts, who will be leading the trip.

### **TO APPLY**

- If interested, please go to **<https://wpc-hsv.org/missions>** and click on the box that says, “*Short-term Trip Application*.” Please fill it out and save it. You may then email it to Pastor Roberts (jim.roberts@wpc-hsv.org) or print a copy and give it to him.
- Applications are due by January 28, 2026.
- If approved, a \$500 deposit will be due by February 8. You will receive an email with more information regarding meeting dates, a permission form and this deposit when approved.