



God started my journey into missions back in 2008 after going on my first mission trip to Peru. That trip planted the idea in my head that full-time ministry was surely going to play a part in my story. All throughout college and even after college God provided opportunities to gain experience in children's ministry stirring in me a passion for sharing Jesus with kids. By placing different people, circumstances, and experiences in my life God brought me to Arizona where I joined my church family, Palmcroft, and went on a short term mission to the Friendship House in Spain. During that trip in 2016, the spark was lit in my heart and God showed me that this would be His calling for my life. Since that trip, God has been equipping me for the role He has for me in Spain through ministry at my church in many different areas and through the school that I work at here in Arizona.

Spain is home to 47 million people with an estimated 78% of this population claiming to be Christians but predominately in tradition only. Evangelical Christians make up less than 1% of this population. Spain is also home to an estimated 1.8 million Muslims with steady growth. Many of these 1.8 million come from North Africa with the largest population located in the capital city of Madrid which is where I will be serving.

North Africans come to Spain looking for economic prosperity and avoidance in a number of oppressive forces in their home country. In many cases they leave behind much of what they owned and only bring with them their culture and their strong Muslim faith.

My desire is to build and cultivate relationships within this North African community and to show them the love of Jesus Christ in both deed and word. The Friendship House offers the opportunity for them to engage with believers through practical and supportive ways in hopes of ultimately being able to proclaim to them the Good News.

My ministry will be mainly focused on creating a preschool program and working with early elementary children through the after school programming at the center. The other part of my ministry focuses on creating programming and curriculum to be able to use in other community centers to reach the unreached across Europe. I count it a privilege that He has chosen to use me in order to see His kingdom grow and see the unreached come to Christ!

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*Romans 10:14-15 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,*

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*