

2019 SPAIN SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

When: May 19th, 2019 - June 11th, 2019 Where: Madrid, Spain Cost: Approximately \$3700

Why: Spain is a very secular, post-modern, and post-Christian society. The older generation are traditionally Catholic with only 20% practicing. The protestant reformation never entered Spain and the older generation are very anti-evangelical Christians. The younger generation are generally agnostic/atheistic and have a more non-hostile yet unaware and blasé view towards evangelical Christianity.

Currently, of Spain's 46 million population, only approximately 1% are practicing evangelical Christians! The 1% is made up in large part of Asian and African immigrants meaning the actual Spanish population of believers makes up roughly half a percent. In the move to reach the 1040 window (Asia and Middle East) with the gospel, western Europe has been grossly neglected and unreached.

University students have largely never met anyone who follows Jesus. The campuses are spread out with no central hub meaning the students rarely meet another student outside of their own major. Current unemployment rate for graduating university students in over 30% giving the students little hope.

What: We will be partnering with CRU international missionaries who have been in Spain for 13 years establishing campus ministries at the universities.

- † On current established campuses: we will meet university students with the intent to start spiritual conversations and share Jesus Christ with them. Inviting them to the weekly meeting and spending time with them in a discipleship manner.
- † On unreached campuses: we will attempt to find any Spanish believers who would be willing to reach their campus for Christ.

WHO: Tarleton University students with Valor and PHOS college ministry will be partnering with the CRU ministry of University of Alabama Birmingham. The CRU staff members from UAB will be leading this trip to Spain. Here is their information.

Wesley and Monica Skinner have been married for almost 13 years and have served on staff with Cru since 2007. They both graduated from UAH (University of Alabama in Huntsville) and have served with Cru at UAH, East Asia, Tampa and have been serving as city directors in Birmingham, Alabama for the past 5 years, working primarily at UAB. They have two daughters Charlotte(Lotte) and Olivia, 4 and 2 years old. They have a big passion in taking students on summer mission because It can be such an important time of growth, experience and being used to see lives changed by the gospel!

Application: To apply for this summer mission trip fill out the 2019 Spain summer mission google form located online.

https://goo.gl/forms/U9ux7BgUiVEMXaWu2

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