

*The Irwins: Off the Beaten Path*



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**March Newsletter**

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A picture of my grandparents, Jacob and Jaynie Micheal. Faithful servants and an example Noelia and I will follow as we continue to work in ministry.

On the night of the 4th of March, my grandfather Jacob Eby Micheal heard words, "Well, done, good and faithful servant". We want to thank all of you who reached out to us and our family in this time of loss. It was tough, but at the same time, we couldn't feel anything but happiness for him, because we know that at this very moment he is closer to our Creator than ever before.

Our grandfather was and will always be what we as new missionaries will strive for. He spent over 5 decades serving our Father in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Brazil. He dedicated his life to serving others while also sharing the Gospel to the unreached. Thank you, Papaw for all that you have done and for the example, you have been to us, and thousands more.



It wasn't the easiest time to celebrate my mother and sister's birthdays, but we tried our best to make them feel loved.



Noelia right in front of Team Expansion's home base! It was great to finally see so many familiar faces and introduce Noelia to those who are such a big part of what we do in Spain.

March has been one of the most difficult months we've had since being back in the States. With the passing of my grandpa and our itinerary being packed to the brim, it's amazing to believe we got through it all.

Before March arrived, Noelia and I were preparing for a two-week intensive course focused on preparing future missionaries for ministry overseas. As a member of Team Expansion, it's one of the many requirements in order to officially be considered part of the organization. I had the opportunity to attend a couple of years ago before Noelia and I were even engaged. It was a great experience and found myself much better for it, so when we were asked to attend for Noelia's sake, it was a no-brainer. Although the circumstances we found ourselves in weren't ideal, it was still an incredibly beneficial time for us. I got a refresher which was great, while Noelia on the other hand got to experience and learn about all the tools available to us as members of Team

Expansion. Thankfully the training ended on a high note, and looking back we wouldn't change anything about it.

After those two intense weeks, Noelia and I got ready to head to Savannah, Georgia! For the past couple of months, one of our very dear team members in Spain had begun to transition back home to Georgia. For a while, Christian and Hannah have felt God's calling to guide those who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ. Towards the end of 2021, an opportunity arose that could only have been God opening the door completely for them to pursue this new opportunity. Since we weren't able to say goodbye to them when they left Spain, we made it a priority to go down and visit them. We not only got to experience Savannah (which we had never visited) but got a glimpse of what they will be doing. Although we are incredibly sad to see them go, we couldn't be more excited about what they will be doing for the Kingdom in Georgia.

Towards the end of the month, we had some meetings with potential partners and were even commissioned by our sending church! They have actually been a big part of our ministry for a while now, but with Covid and us not being in the country, we haven't really been able to officially be sent off. Thankfully, it finally happened! It was such a surreal experience, there is nothing like knowing that you will have not 1, not 2 but entire congregations behind you in prayer and much more. It was a highlight of our time here in the States without a doubt.



Thanks to Christian and Hannah for hosting us and showing us around Savannah! Such a beautiful place and we couldn't be more excited about what God has planned!

Us being commissioned by our sending church!

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### What's Next?

- We hope to return to Spain soon. We've been away for too long, Noelia and I are looking for the appropriate time to make it back home to recharge. It will also be a great opportunity to reconnect with our team and help out with everything that is happening!
- Our media ministry has officially begun reaching all of Spain! With Easter around the corner, the pressure is on! Our hope is to create relevant content that will attract not only those in Granada but every seeker in the nation!

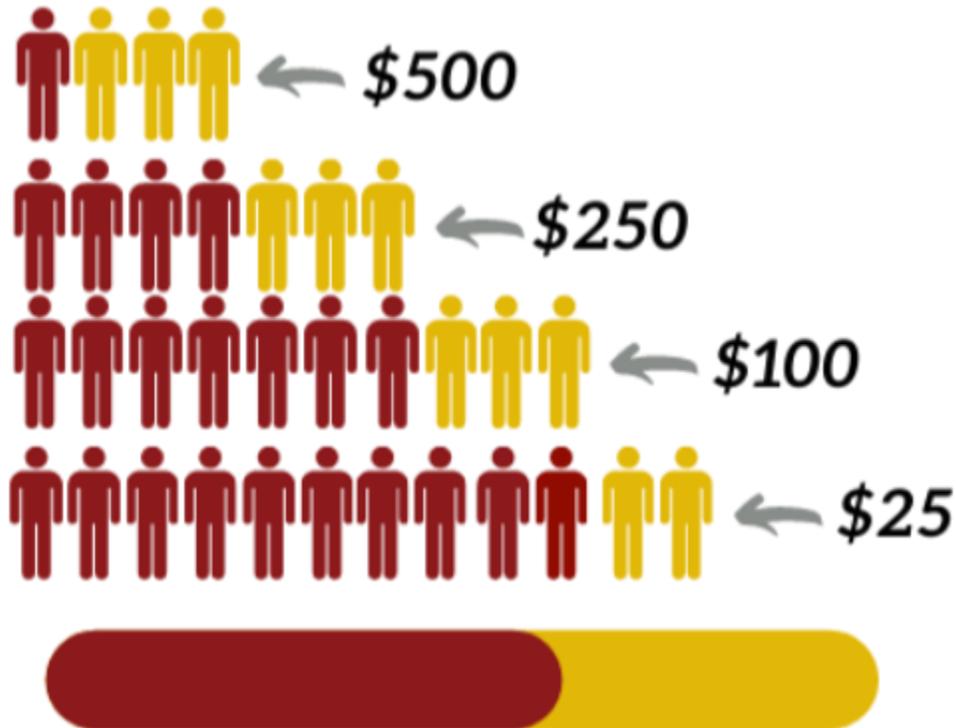
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### Prayer requests

- Our media ministry will be using our social media platforms to reach all the provinces in Spain. We will hopefully be sending content to thousands more. If you could pray for those who see what we have created, pray that their hearts are pulled towards Christ and that they take the steps necessary to start a relationship with him.
- Safe travels! We've got quite a few trips ahead. That we stay healthy and excited for everything God has in store!

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## What we need to reach 100% of our monthly budget



What a blessing! Throughout the month we've received three new partners! Each of which has brought us a couple of steps closer to our goal of \$5300! Thank you guys for keeping us in your prayers!

Above you can see a graph representing different categories of support and how many of each amount we need. Noelia and I would ask that you consider maybe filling out one of those spots in whichever category. Your monthly contribution would take us one step closer to making it back to the field

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## A Note From Our President

### Are You Crazy Enough?

Steve Jobs once said, "The people who are crazy enough to believe they can change the world are the ones who do." In his case, Jobs went on to create (among other things) the iPod, iPhone, and the iPad. He is also famous for asking the question, "Would you like to change the world?"

We're not suggesting that we should be like Steve Jobs, but what might happen if we could free ourselves of some of the limits we have placed on ourselves? Paul wrote, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength (Phil. 4:13)." Jesus Himself said, "Nothing is impossible for God (Luke 1:37, CEB)." As Christians, we are truly on a mission from God -- literally. Let's make sure that it's not the ceiling of our own imaginations that hold us back. Because with God on our side, the sky is the limit!

**Doug Lucas President of Team Expansion**



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