

THE TATMAN TIMES

As regional coordinators for Europe and the Middle East, Tatmans travel extensively throughout the region, working in collaboration with national leaders to develop regional ministry strategies and country-specific strategies, cultivating relationships within the Church of God across Europe and the Middle East, connecting the church across the region. Nate and Stacy have a particular passion for church planting and church health. They also oversee projects and missionaries in the region, providing pastoral care and supervision. (Excerpt from www.chogglobal.org/nstatman/)



Ministry Update

Travel

The month of May triggered a new season of ministry for us. Travel increased for Nate, with trips to Athens and Paris. We helped host two couples (Doug & Cindy Talley and Mark & Lori Fast) from the United States as part of the Spain Advisory Team that walks alongside Alejandro and Carmen De Francisco's ministry in Madrid. We also hosted Jake Zaske, from Hope Chapel in Kansas.



In addition to traveling and hosting these past two months, we have been looking for a new home! We ultimately made the decision to move our furniture and other possessions into storage before returning to the US for six weeks in mid-June. (Read to the end for a home update!)

Athens

Nate had the opportunity to travel to Athens, Greece, in early May. This trip was an opportunity to check in with a small Church of God congregation meeting in the heart of Athens. Nate was also able to connect with three officers of a new evangelical association in Athens. Through continued meetings and conversations, we hope these encounters will produce a new work in downtown Athens for this generation. Will you please pray with us as we continue to walk alongside the church in Greece?

Spain Advisory Team

One of the ways we connect churches and pastors from North America with leaders in our region is through advisory teams. These teams are created at the request of local church leaders in countries where more in-depth, strategic planning is desired. Advisory team members from the North American church have served in an advisory role in Birkenhead, Budapest, Madrid, Ostia, Plovdiv, and Paris.

These advisory roles create opportunities for North Americans to learn about and understand a ministry context that is much different from their own. They also allow leaders in the Europe and Middle East region to learn strategies and best practices that have been successful in other cultures. Synergy and relationships grow when all parties come together as learners—assuming nothing and being prepared to ask questions.

Having the Spain Advisory Team together in Spain for the first time in May was a real treat for all involved. Alejandro and Carmen De Francisco assembled the team in 2019 and they held their first meeting in Orlando during the Church of God convention. Plans were quickly made to meet next in Spain, but the group was only able to meet on Zoom due to pandemic travel restrictions...until this year! We are honored to serve on this team.



The May meetings proved to be fruitful as it allowed our visitors to experience the cultural context in which the De Franciscos are ministering. This important cultural experience will enable the advisory team to better speak into the ministry of En Mi Lugar, the Church of God in Spain.

On a personal level, we are thankful for the impact and relationship the advisory team has had on our own lives and ministry, even more deeply through their visit to Madrid.

Around the Region

Ukraine Update~

We are now over four months into the war in Ukraine. While the news doesn't reach the front page as often, the devastation of the war has not waned. The evils of war have upended the lives of so many people in our region.

As of July 4, more than 12 million people have been displaced in Ukraine. Over 5 million of those have left Ukraine. Seven million have fled their homes but stayed in the country. Over 3 million people have re-entered Ukraine. In fact, currently more Ukrainians are returning to Ukraine than are leaving.

Along with the Church of God in Germany, Hungary, and Bulgaria, our 3W Team continues to walk alongside the Ukrainian refugees both inside and outside of the country.

Family Update

Saying Goodbye to Our First Home

Prior to leaving for our US trip, we had to say another goodbye to a home we loved, this time to our first home in Spain. Many of you have been praying for us as we have been looking for a new home. Since we did not find anything prior to leaving, we packed up all of our furniture and other possessions and placed them in storage. That being said, we have a strong prospect for a home that will be available when we return to Spain in early August. We'll keep you all posted! :)



One of the lessons we have learned on this journey is that goodbyes to people and places will always be difficult. However, good goodbyes are necessary. Even when saying goodbye to apartments!

Visas Renewed!

Our visa renewals were approved! We are happy that the process has been completed and that we can stay in Spain, and we were pleasantly surprised to find that our visa renewals are good for two more years! We thought that we were going to have to go through the months-long process again next year. We are thankful!

Prayers and Praises

- Praises for a prospective home and visa renewals
- Prayers for new ministry in Athens, Greece
- Prayers for our Church of God family in Ukraine and Russia
- Prayers for our annual 3W Staff Meeting in August

We are so thankful for your willingness to walk alongside our family in prayer, encouragement, and support as we walk alongside the ministry of the local Church of God in Europe and the Middle East.

Many blessings to you and yours,

Nate, Stacy and Family

If you have questions or would like to engage in conversation about ministry in Europe and the Middle East, we would love to personally connect with you! Email us at nstatman@chog.org.
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