

# 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/team/nstatman/](http://www.chogglobal.org/team/nstatman/))*

## Ministry Update

During the first two months of 2023, we were busy hosting our colleagues and teammates. In early January, we hosted the bi-annual regional coordinator meetings. These meetings take place each January in a global location and each summer in the United States. This year it was our turn to host, and we welcomed Don and Caroline Armstrong (Asia-Pacific), John and Gwen Johnson (Africa), Jason and Abby Torgeson and family (Latin America), Andrew Gale (Global Strategy director), and Stephen Lewis (Global Strategy associate director). We are always thankful for the opportunity to connect with, collaborate with, and learn from our fellow regional coordinators and our organization's leadership.

Later in January, we hosted our teammates Daniel and Christy Kihm (missionaries to Hungary) and their daughter Sofie. In February we hosted teammates Zach and Audrey Langford (missionaries to the United Kingdom) and their children Lola and Leo. It was wonderful to spend time with each family!

These visits with our missionary families are important opportunities to personally connect, discuss ministry, and strategize for the future. One of our team values is connectedness. Living abroad and doing cross-cultural ministry can be extremely stressful and many times very lonely. While virtual meetings and messages are great, our team cherishes those times of in-person connection with one another.



*In Madrid with our fellow regional coordinators and our organization's leadership*



*Enjoying a sunset with the Kihms*



*Out and about with the Langfords and the De Franciscos*

# Around the Region

## War in Ukraine:

February 24 marked the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. We published a thoughtful and heart-felt response on the 3W social media pages. You can access it on the 3W Facebook page. Our hearts continue to be heavy for our friends, peers, and colleagues located in the countries involved in this war.

## Turkey-Syria Earthquake

On February 6 a 7.8-magnitude earthquake shook parts of Turkey & Syria. To date, over 51,000 people have died. Since we do not have Church of God congregations in either country, we have been working with contacts in Lebanon to assist those who are most in need in Syria. We are thankful for our partners and their willingness to give their time, energy, and finances to help many people who have been impacted in Syria.

Global Strategy's Disaster Relief continues to raise funds and disburse them to these areas of need.

## Visit to Arco, Italy

Last summer, former regional coordinators Patrick and Jamie Nachtigall began their new assignment as missionaries to Italy. They are working with Pastors Marcos and Katherine Lovaglio, who are pastoring the only evangelical church in their area. We recently had the opportunity to visit the Nachtigalls and the Lovaglios, and to attend their Sunday morning church service, where Nate preached. This was Stacy's first time visiting the Lovaglios and the Arco Church of God.

Earlier we mentioned the importance of connectedness in our team context; it is equally important in the church/leader context. Again, the Church of God in Arco is the only evangelical church in their area, which has a population of roughly 35,000 people in 3 communities. Loneliness and isolation among leaders serving these congregations are often a reality.

Thank you for walking alongside our family as we walk alongside the Lovaglios and other leaders throughout the Europe and Middle East region!





## Family Update

### An Announcement!

It doesn't seem like we are old enough, but we can finally announce that we are going to be GRANDPARENTS! Dylan and Sara surprised us with the news when they visited for Christmas. The baby is due this summer, which is perfect timing for us as we will be traveling back to the States for the biennial Church of God conference and our missionary team meetings. We are all thrilled to welcome Baby Boy Tatman this summer!

### Time for Reflection

In early January, before we hosted our fellow regional coordinators, we were able to take some time to celebrate our 27th wedding anniversary. We always enjoy this time of year as it gives us an opportunity to step back and reflect on all that God has done in our own lives and in our family over the years. This year we were in southern Spain in the city of Málaga during this time. The city has a long history that dates back to the 5th century BC.

### Daleska's Summer Missions Trip

Daleska will be attending the County Line Student Ministries missions trip to Guatemala this summer. This will be her last trip as a high school senior! She is currently raising funds for this trip. If you would like to support her, please reach out to us and we can give you instructions on how to do so.

## Praises and Prayer Requests

- Pray for great connections and smooth travels for Nate's upcoming trips to Lebanon and Paris
- Give thanks for Baby Tatman, scheduled to arrive in June
- Pray for Daleska as she finishes her senior year and makes plans for her future
- Pray for each of the Tatmans as we approach a heavy travel season and a busy schedule



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](mailto:nstatman@chog.org).

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