

The Download on the Taylors' Updates

The tech, the mommy, and the boys
By Catherine

We have a lot of news since our last letter! Some good news and some bad news. Life is just that way, isn't it? We know God is good all the time but sometimes life isn't.

Presently Rob has been struggling a bit with several projects to replace failing or ailing computer hardware in the office. This has hampered his work on new projects meant to continually improve the tech that serves ACTION. Please pray that nothing else breaks! Praise for a new tech volunteer joining Rob this month. The new volunteer will bring a lot of tech experience and know-how to Rob's aid. Rob is very excited about him because he knows how to code which is a huge need.



We also had an amazing trip to Europe last October.

We got a big donation which covered the whole trip. What a blessing! First, we went to Austria to visit Leanne Carter and her two boys who live right outside Vienna. It was great to visit her and her church. They provided translation from the German into English or Farsi. Needless to say, we chose to listen in English. Ethan loved it there because LeAnn had a ton of toys he could play with from when her kids were little.

During the whole trip, Ethan really forced us to travel creatively because he really needed to play. This changed how we interacted with the missionaries and with people we met. We spent time at parks or at recreational spots that we normally would have overlooked. Because he was there, we could interact with the community in a way that we wouldn't have been able to normally. At a park in Spain, for instance, he played with a little boy who didn't speak much English and Ethan didn't speak much Spanish but they had a great time anyway. I learned the boy's name and helped explain certain things but they didn't really need language, play seems to be a universal language. Showing love is also a universal language which was our main purpose in going to Europe. We wanted to be an encouragement to the missionaries and get to know them better in their homes. Also, Rob wanted to get a feel for what kinds of tech challenges they faced and how he could help better.

A place where there were only slight language issues for us was the UK. We went to the UK Office in Wallasey, outside Liverpool, so Rob could replace several office computers and assess what older tech they could let go of. The UK Director Ingo, and his wife Doris Abraham, put us up in a hotel right along the shores of the Irish Sea at the Delta of the Mersey River across from Liverpool. I got to take Ethan to a playgroup with some mommies and kiddos from the community who do not attend church but are willing to go to a church to spend time together. The pastor's wife, who runs the group, felt so blessed when Ethan wanted to sing Jesus Loves Me. They normally don't talk about spiritual matters at this

playgroup because most people are so hostile to the gospel. A few little seeds were planted that day. Let's pray that this ministry of the Baptist church in Wallasey really shows some fruit in their community!

Then we went to Spain to visit Mary Woodward in Sevilla. It was so fun for me to be able to go back to the area I lived in for a year after graduating from college. Mary's ministry is mainly teaching English in the suburb where she lives and being active in the church she attends. I went with her to a town choir she sings in once a week which was really fun since I got to sing some traditional Sevillanas. I also got to sit in on one of her classes. The classes are key because Mary gets invited right into people's homes and makes solid connections in the community.

We also went to see other missionaries. We attended church with them which was dynamic and youthful. We listened to their challenges and praises and heard a wonderful sermon. Our friends teach English to people in the business world and do sports ministry. We praise God that they are there ministering to so many people who don't even think they need a relationship with God.

That's the thing about ministry in Europe. It isn't mainly evangelism outright, or feeding the poor, or what one would consider traditional missionary work. Often it's just the kinds of things we as believers should be doing in our own communities, making friendships, witnessing to people at school, trying to be influential at our jobs, and building up the churches we attend. It's so vital for them to be over there because so many people live secular lives and don't think about their eternal souls or the fact that they will have to give account to their Creator. Please join us in praying for these missionaries and the people they minister to! Everyone needs to hear about Jesus, from the poorest refugee to the wealthiest businessman.

Love,

Rob, Catherine, and Ethan

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