

ABWE Megan in Madrid July 2026



"What's one thing you are looking forward to when you go back to the States?" many people had asked me in June when I was preparing to travel. "Hiking! Just being able to walk on hiking paths and be in forests and experience the greenness of nature!" I replied. The Madrid area has a desert climate and because I live in a city, I'm not nearby to natural forests or wooded hiking trails (and it is harder to access via public transportation as well). Speaking of the dry weather there, please be in prayer for the people of Spain this summer. Many wildfires have broken out due to record heat waves and strong winds, and tens of thousands have been evacuated out of their homes. Pray that through this, people would see their need to care about eternity and to seek the God that is in control of all things, including nature.



I'm back in the United States! It's official: I'm on my 6-month furlough. Well, at this point, I've already been here for a month, so I only have 5 more! I flew in right before the July 4th weekend celebrations and have been able to visit several friends and family this month. Lord willing, and as long as I get financial clearance to go back to the field, I will return to Spain at the beginning of January. During my time stateside, I will mostly be in Ohio, but have some plans to travel to various other locations as well. I have a few church visits planned so far, but I pray God would give me many more opportunities to share with both churches and individuals about the ministry in Spain while I'm on furlough.



A special trip: Remember my friend that I visited in the Basque region (northern Spain) in May? Well, she got married in NC last week to her Spanish fiancé! I had the opportunity to be at her wedding and meet up with various friends who flew in from Spain (see photo), and make some new ones (which means I got to practice my Spanish!). It was so sweet to hear the Christian testimonies of the bride and groom, and many "toasts" that testified of the couple's faithfulness to the Lord, their love for others, and their desire for people to come to know Jesus as their Savior. I'm excited to see how the Lord will use them together in northern Spain.



Missions Conference at Washington Heights: This past weekend, my sending church had a missions conference for several of the missionaries they support. I was able to share about the ministry in Spain to both adults and kids! With the elementary students, I shared my testimony and call to ministry with them, and answered many questions they had. It was an encouraging weekend as we missionaries spent time with one another and the church body, and were encouraged by one another's stories and experiences.



Family time: I've sincerely enjoyed so much family time this month, and I'm glad to have more of it as I reside in the USA for several more months! I have enjoyed playing board games with cousins, attending a cousin's birthday party, watching World Cup games with grandparents, playing with my little nephews, and spending time with siblings and parents



Housing update: A friend of my sister had an open bedroom in her apartment in Beavercreek, OH (near where I used to live) and was looking for a roommate to help with rental costs. I've settled in, and this housing situation has been such an answer to prayer!

However, my housing in Spain is going to change when I return. My landlord does not want to renew the rental agreement and wants to move into the apartment when the lease is up, at the end of February. Because of that, I will be looking for a new apartment (in the same city). It is a difficult and complicated process to find the right housing in a foreign country, but also, with inflation, rental prices have dramatically increased in the last couple of years.

Due to a rise in the cost of living, I will need to raise additional monthly support (about \$600) to afford my next apartment. **Would you prayerfully consider how you could be a part of answering the prayer request of my housing need?** I know that God is able to provide for all of my needs, according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). Click the light blue box to the left and go directly to my giving page with ABWE.

Praises:

- A good first month of furlough, including visiting friends and family
- Participating in WHBC's missions conference weekend
- Housing during furlough
- Attending my friend's wedding in NC and safety during that trip

Prayer Requests:

- Connections with more churches and individuals who want to be financially invested in what God is doing in the Madrid area of Spain through ABWE
- God's provision for full funding to return to Spain in early January
- God's provision for an affordable apartment in Alcalá de Henares that would be near bus routes I use, grocery stores, space for hospitality ministry, and more connections with neighbors.
- For the people of Spain to be more open to spiritual matters, as fires have disrupted many from their homes, and for God to orchestrate connections with believers in those regions that would be able to share about the hope and security we have in Jesus Christ.