

The latest from Chris & Rose Duryee in Spain

## What are we up to in Spain?

We have been confined to Madrid province since summer, and confined to Alcalá de Henares for a few weeks. Gatherings are limited to 4 people and parks are closed, which means we cannot meet up with friends. Frankly, these restrictions are very difficult to live with. We are thankful we can have church services and prayer meeting, though many of our congregants cannot attend because entering Alcalá is prohibited. It's not that we aren't doing *anything*, however!

**Austin:** 2nd grader who likes science and reading exciting books, math when it's easy (who can relate?) and most of all, fútbol! Restrictions, an enormous snowstorm, and then kids on his team being confined due to coronavirus have caused a lot of delays and canceled games, but Austin has recently enjoyed practices with a new coach who played him for a whole game last week.

**Susanna:** 3rd grader interested in theater, enjoys math and learning to play the piano. Susanna recently gave up dance because it wasn't fun anymore with no chance of performing in a recital, and she wasn't making friends (it's hard to make friends right now). She has been practicing her piano more and as the weather improves we'll try to go outside. Below is a photo of the kids taking a break while learning from home when there was frozen snow on the ground.



**Rosalie:** I passed my driving theory exam just as the snow was melting and began practical lessons in early February. A couple times a week I go out with an instructor to practice and although it's slow because I can't practice on my own, I think it's going well. I'll have my license in God's timing! I am also designing the materials for a virtual women's conference that we will be doing later this month, helping with the Friday children's club, teaching preschool Sunday school and going through The Story of Hope with some ladies from the church (usually via Zoom because of the confinements). The joy of my life right now is semi-regular meetings with my friend P to have coffee and study the Bible, and the conversations I sometimes have with other moms from Austin's soccer team. I am also still partnering with [Trades of Hope](#) to empower communities out of poverty and fight human trafficking.

**Chris:** Seminary classes Chris has finished include Christian education, exposition of the Psalms, and early Christian History. Upcoming classes include Church History post-Reformation, Exposition of the prophets and Expository preaching.

Please pray for these classes to help Chris with his Spanish, and that God would use them to give us some ideas about how we will be serving in the future. And, Lord willing, they can return to in-person classes soon too. Chris also leads the games at the kids club and does sound on Sundays - lately he's been attending both services to help with that.



We enjoyed sledding in a friend's neighborhood during the aftermath of the snowstorm, which was named Filomena. We are so thankful it was such a fun, unexpected adventure we were able to have in the midst of so many limitations. One of the neatest things was seeing neighborhoods come together to clear driveways and parking spaces with unique materials.