



Main street of downtown Alcalá de Henares, sunset after some rain.

## January: Brief Update

Dear friends, family, and churches,

Thank you for your continual prayers and support for me! As so many of you have been getting a lot of snow and cold temperatures in the US recently, we had one day of about an inch or two of snow this month, but other than that, it has mostly been rainy. Still, that rain hasn't kept me from getting together with language school classmates and Spanish friends. I shared the gospel again with my friend Cristina. She knows that Jesus is very important, and God sent him to "share a message with the world" (her words). However, her understanding of why Jesus came, or why his death and resurrection are so important, is lacking.

**Language Update:** Now that I've advanced to the next level of Spanish in my classes, I have to study a lot more frequently! The homework assignments are more lengthy at times, and I am trying to soak up as much information as my brain can handle each day, and then go home and review the concepts again some evenings. But I feel very blessed with my teachers. In my opinion, they are two of the best teachers I've had at this language school. That's an answer to prayer, because as I learn more advanced concepts of the language, I am thankful to have two teachers who are intentional, timely, respectful, keep things interesting, but also challenge us.

They mixed up the two sections of our class, so I'm not with everyone from my prior class again, but I am making new "friends" and planning out when would be a good time to invite a group of girls over for another lunch.



ECA clubs have started back up again as the second semester has begun, so that means preparing and leading middle school girls Bible study and my high school girls discipleship group. These photos are from MSGBS as we worked in small groups to find out what some Bible passages had to say about worship. Humans are worshippers; we are always worshipping something. How does our lifestyle reflect what/who we are worshipping?

#### **Praises:**

- The opportunity to continue learning Spanish and the teachers I have in this course
- Teaching/discipling opportunities with ECA girls Bible studies

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Residency card renewal (still waiting for information, I don't know when I will get approved, but I'm praying for God's perfect timing)
- Opportunities to share about Jesus Christ or about my faith with language school classmates and Spanish friends, and at the same time, that God would be moving in hearts to draw them to Himself

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