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Student leaders training conference with students from Barcelona, Zaragoza, Huesca, Tarragona and Lleida

## Back to Barcelona

Hey everyone,

I hope you had a lovely summer! We are now back to porridge, back into the routine of a new academic year. It was great being back in Belfast for the month of August where I was able to rest, catch up with friends and family, read, and recharge batteries.

I am glad to be back in Barcelona, ready for this new year. "Expectant" is the word that best describes how I am feeling right now: expectant of what God has planned for this year, for what He is going to do and how He is going to move.

The picture above is from the student leaders training conference that we had earlier in September. Andrew Reid came to talk to us on "Integral Mission" as we looked at Colossians. It was so encouraging to see students leaders not

only from Barcelona but from across Catalonia and Aragon. What struck me over the weekend was the potential of these students as they seek to advance God's Kingdom here in Spain and on the university campus. These students are the future Church in Spain, and it is an immense privilege to work alongside them and see them grow in love, faith and maturity in Christ. Please join with me in praying for them and for all that God has planned for this year!

On a more personal note, Mireia and I now have a new flatmate, Lidia. This is a sign of God's provision for me as Mireia, Lidia and I have been friends for the last 10 years as they used to come to my home church to help with Holiday Bible Club, and we stayed in touch ever since. And now I am living with them! God's faithfulness and provision blows me away, and how He has been setting me up for this by providing such friendships before I even felt the call to Spain.



## Revive Europe

This New Year I am going to be celebrating it a bit differently: REVIVE is a student evangelism equipping conference organised by IFES Europe, from the 27<sup>th</sup> of December to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in Germany. The theme is Revival, a hunger for a move of God. Each IFES country has a team delegate who is part of the organising and recruiting and since May I have been part of this, representing GBU Spain. We currently have roughly 150 students signed up for REVIVE from Spain, which is amazing! It is tradition here that young people to spend new year with their families, so this is a really surprising and encouraging number of students for GBU.

As part of the run-up to the conference, each week a different European country is featured for prayer. You can find the video for Spain by searching "Revive Spain" in Youtube!



Lidia and Sara from Zaragoza (left) and Manela from Huesca (right)

## Catalonia and Aragon

I think I have previously mentioned Manuela, a student in Huesca who hopes to start up a GBU group on her campus there. Manuela has been attending the group in Zaragoza but this year we are starting up a group in Huesca (270km from Barcelona). It was so encouraging to see her at the weekend away and to see how God is going before her, bringing different contacts and paving the way. We could have up to six students in this GBU group, which is incredible! On a campus of 3,000 students, to have a group of Christian students meeting up regularly to pray, read the Bible and invite their friends to discover Jesus for themselves, just imagine the impact that this could have! Please pray for Manuela and the other students in Huesca, as well as the relationship with the local churches there, that they would be inspired to see a Christian witness on campus and would support the group there. Please pray for wisdom for me as I accompany Manuela and the other students and travel up there too.

## Praise and prayer points:

- Praise God for my rest over summer, for Lidia and Mireia in the flat and for being settled back into life here in Barcelona.
- Praise God for the weekend away with the student leaders and all the training, fellowship, community and conversations that took place.
- Please pray that God would go before us as the GBU small groups start up, as new students come and that they would be inspired with the mission to be salt and light on campus.
- Please pray for those organising REVIVE and for the thousands of students who will be attending. Please pray that God would first revive our individual hearts and that from this conference students would spread out across Europe with the gospel message.
- Please pray that God would go before me and equip me for all the different challenges and areas of work that He for me this year.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.  
Colossians 2:6-7*



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