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## New committee GBU BCN

The photo beside is of the new student committee in GBU Barcelona, although due to the lockdown the official handover still hasn't taken place! Keila (top left) and Andra (bottom left) with Joana (bottom right) also helping out as a graduate.

Having only two undergraduate students on committee is a challenge as they seek to motivate and encourage the various GBU groups across the city to share the gospel message.

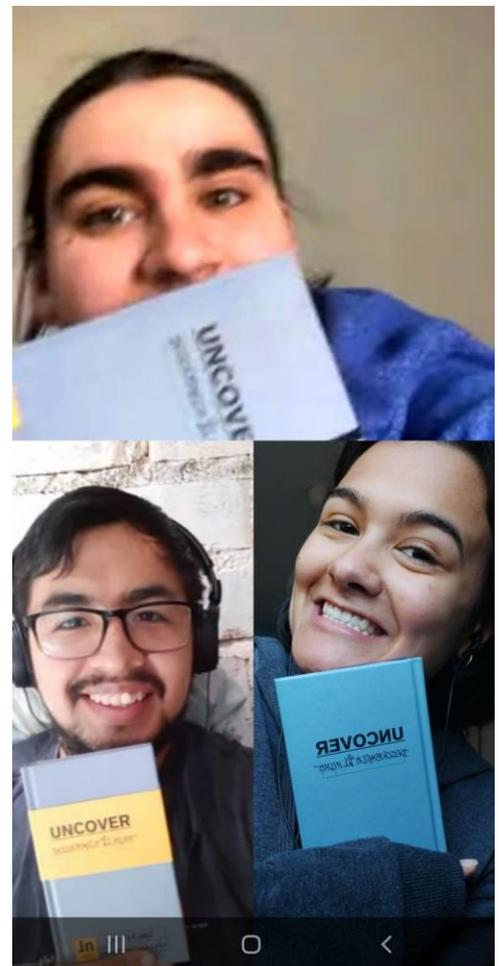
Please pray for them in this role and for wisdom for me as I work alongside them.

## Same mission, different setting – life in Spanish lockdown

Hey everyone,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well at this turbulent time. I just wanted to write a quick update to let you know how things are here in Spain. So I am currently writing this on day 44 of lockdown, and the latest date that we have for this to end is the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Unfortunately, unlike the UK we are not allowed daily exercise outside, which has been quite tough. However, they have just announced that from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May we will be able to go out for exercise, which is a real answer to prayer! God has been teaching me to take a day at a time and trust Him that He will give me the strength, energy and grace for each new day (Lamentations 3:23).

Spain has seen thousands of deaths, but praise God that this is now changing as numbers are falling. Students have lost loved ones and are concerned about online examinations as the Spanish government has suspended all in situ classes for the rest of the academic year. However, although things were very tough for the students at the beginning with much uncertainty, I am so proud of how they are coping with it all, creatively seeking to do community together and reaching out to others. Please pray for the students as many have been unable to finish their work experience, and this is especially unsettling for those in final year who need this to graduate. It looks very unlikely that we can go ahead with the summer student conference, as so prayer for creativity and insight for the team organising this would be valued, as well as thinking over what the new term may look like come September.





### GBU weekly meetings

We have been continuing to meet up weekly in the different GBU groups. The photo above is of the group in Bellvitge (Barcelona). These three students are all studying Nursing and it is always a joy to study the Bible with them as they bring a unique perspective into the studies!

Zaragoza and Huesca (pictured on front page) are also meeting online and have been studying Uncover John. The group in Huesca is very small, but they faithfully meet up each week and we pray that more students would join us here in the future.



### Home and church life...

Again everything is online, and that includes church activities. On a Sunday morning we tune into Youtube to watch the service. Although not being together, it does feel like community as different households from church are taking part to record the announcements and worship (we lead a few weeks ago!) as then the pastor gives the message. After the service we are then sent out a short Bible study based on the passage that morning. Our flat and a few friends from another flat then do the study together via video. This helps me as it feels like doing church a bit more "together" during lockdown.

### Praise and prayer points:

- Praise God for how He is teaching me in a very real way to depend on Him each day and to go in His strength.
- Praise God for how He is looking after Mireia in her work in Intensive Care and for how I am able to support her in this.
- Please pray for Spain, for wisdom for those making decisions, for the students who have lost loved ones and for the whole process of ending lockdown and being able to head outside again.
- Please pray for the next few months as restrictions are slowly lifted. Please pray for wisdom, guidance and grace for the staff workers across Spain as we make decisions for the end of term and looking into September, and as we walk alongside students as they process all that has happened.

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for Him.'"*

*Lamentations 3:22-24*

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