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This past summer, I traveled to Spain with a small group from our church. We divided our time between Almeria, where we worked with a fairly new church and in Roquetas, where we worked with CBF Field Personnel, Joel and Tiffaney Whitley who help African immigrants learn Spanish and job skills.

This trip was different from my previous mission trips because it was more about building relationships in God rather than building physical things for God. Because of the different nature of this trip, I was at first a bit apprehensive but it soon became one of the most powerful experiences of my life. During our time in Spain, we built lasting relationships and we found that simply by coming and sharing God's love with them, the Spanish people loved and accepted us as their own. Through their own discipleship, the Spanish people we met, taught us more than we had ever imagined about the fellowship of Christ with his followers.

I pray that this small church in Almeria keeps growing and showing more people the love of Christ. Also, I pray that we here at home can have open hearts and minds, and genuinely love each other as the Whitleys do.

Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples - when they see the love you have for each other. John 13:34-35. The Message Translation

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