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A CHILD'S PRAYER

Kenneth Lee C — 4/20/2013

From the age of 8, I was raised as part of a missionary family in Barcelona, Spain. My parents brought me up not only to believe in God and the gospel, but also to know that even as children we were called to share and live out our faith. Although it wasn't always easy in Spain, I look back and see how central this was in God's developing within me not only a passion for spreading his word, but also for inspiring, training and releasing other young leaders to do the same.

Most of my experience with church and education happened in Spain. In Barcelona, where I lived until I was 18, I attended a number of churches with my family: rather than planting churches we were dedicated to helping small Spanish churches to reach more people. Most of these churches were either nondenominational or had such a mixed group of people that the typical US denomination characteristics weren't evident. This is due to the incredibly low number of Protestant Christians in Spain (all are called "Evangelicals" there): we comprise about 2% of the population now, a significant growth from the .02% there was when we first arrived. Although before there were many nominal Catholics (until 1976 it was obligatory to confess Catholic faith), that number has been dropping alarmingly from 70% to now being less than 40%, and even amongst these, very few are practicing Christians of any sort. Faith is not a hot topic in Spain. As one can imagine, growing up in this environment forced me, from a very young age, constantly to wrestle with my beliefs, to the point of having a number of serious crisis of faith, in which I was forced to search to think deeply about what I now know to be true. God used these challenges to strengthen my faith, especially right before college. Curiously, though, and despite these faith crises, I remained very committed to helping out in local ministries, leading teams of young people across the country and to other countries to share the gospel and

help out with local church projects. I also helped start a number of local ministry programs, including a youth center in Barcelona for young Christians that didn't have a youth group. Throughout all these experiences God was faithfully establishing certain foundations in me that later would come out strongly.

After a six month Christian Discipleship Course in Amsterdam and South Africa, I decided to go to college. Now, rather than studying to become rich lawyer (my childhood dream, based mainly on John Grisham novels), I decided to study Humanities in the University of Alcalá de Henares (near Madrid, Spain). This new passion had emerged during my travels in Africa: I discovered that I had a passion for understanding the world and, what were the factors that brought people to doubt God so much, just as I had. I felt called to understand these things as best as I could to not just grow in my faith personally, but also to serve God in this area. During college I got very involved both in a strong local church in Madrid -leading worship and youth groups- as well as with national organizations such as 24-7 prayer (www.24-7prayer.com) and Underground Worship. These were years of great spiritual growth. Towards the end of that time, I began to work for an organization that supports and launches social entrepreneurs. In this organization I developed a passion not only for social justice done well, but also to inspire, encourage and support young people to launch their own social ventures. Eventually I launched an organization that does this at a national level, and continues to operate in Spain, called Jóvenes Changemakers (Young Changemakers: www.joveneschangemakers.org).

After five years working for Ashoka, something began to stir in my soul. The best way to summarize it is a feeling of non-satisfaction. I was doing fun things, being very "influential" in the world, but I felt

like I wasn't quite sharing everything that was within me. As a matter of fact, due to my position, I couldn't say everything I wanted to. As I prayed and talked to friends and leaders about this, God began to grow in me a desire to pastor people, an idea that had always been far from my personal ambitions. This coincided with me taking on certain responsibilities in church that involved more pastoral care. There I found that I truly enjoyed challenging and encouraging people in their faith. In addition to this, I began to understand an enormous problem in Spain: there are practically no young leaders trained and prepared to take over the ministries of the few pastors we currently have, who are now either retiring or dying. All this resulted in a strong feeling that God was graciously invited me into vocational ministry. For this, I needed the best training I could get in order not just to be a faithful pastor, but also to be able to encourage, challenge, train and release other young people my age to respond to God calling them into church leadership roles. This brought me to the U.S., where I enrolled in Trinity Evangelical Divinity School to get a top-notch education, focusing on learning how to teach the Scripture well as well as understanding Church History well, especially key reform and revival moments.

Looking towards the future, I believe that Spain is the place I am to go back to. To be better prepared to return, in addition to finishing the Masters of Divinity program, my wife and I plan to stay a little longer to get further practical training as well as to recruit partner churches and people to think about supporting serious pastoral training work in Spain. However, before I get

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donation	\$3,767
Expenses	
Scholarship distribution	\$52,000
Field workers award	\$2,000
Office expense	\$363
Total expenses	\$54,363
Sale of Stock	\$3,714
Deficit	(\$54,310)
Assets	
Cash	\$76,509
Stock	\$25,982
Mutual Fund	\$541,195
Total funding	
as of May 31, 2013	\$643,686

too excited about training others, I am primarily called to pastor the people that God is entrusting to me there. Even now we are seeing a considerable number of young Spaniards reaching out to us, sharing how they feel called, if not to vocational ministry, to get seriously trained in the Word of God to share it with others. My heart is heavy with this need and I pray to be a small instrument of God's to help bring that to Spain and Europe in particular, but also here in other countries, including the U.S. where we currently serve.

As I look back over my life, it is remarkable how early God started preparing me. He knew what lay ahead, and he guided me every step of the way. Now, as we struggle through difficult financial circumstances to get through school and into ministry, we know he is still there, leading us through this journey. All I can pray is what I did when I was eight and moved to a country with a different language, people that looked and acted different from me, and were often aggressive against my beliefs: "God, please use me as you please."

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Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

— John 14:12

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一個小孩的禱告

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我在西班牙受教育和得著我大部分教 會的經歷。我住在在巴塞羅那一直到十八 歲 , 我和我的家人參加了一些不同的教 會: 植堂雖好,我們覺得致力於幫助小型 的西班牙教會可以接觸更多的人。這些教 會大多數屬於非主流教派或由多元民族所 組成,以致典型的美國主流教會的特徵並 不明顯。這是因為西班牙的基督徒人數少 得令人難以置信(所有的教會都稱為福音 派):現在基督徒佔人口約2%,與我們 初來時的0.02%是有明顯的增加。雖然以 前有很多名義上的天主教徒(直到1976 ,是強制性地接受天主教信仰),這人數 是令人震驚的一直下降,從70%到現在是 少於40%,在其中,很少是有生命的基 督徒。在西班牙,信仰不是一個熱門的話 題。可以想像,在這種的環境的壓迫下, 我從小就不停地懷疑我的信仰,經歷了很 多次信心的危機,我被迫進行深入的思 考,尋找現在我確知的真裡。神用這些挑 戰,加強我的信心,特別是在上大學前。 奇怪的是,雖然我要面對這些信仰危機, 我仍然非常致力參與當地教會的事工- 帶 領不同的年輕人團隊,踏遍全國各地以及

其他國家分享福音,並幫助當地教會項目。我還幫助發起當地教會事工,包括在巴塞羅那為年輕基督徒建立青年中心。他們當時還沒有青年小組。通過所有這些經歷,神在我身上打造的基礎,慢慢的堅固起來。

經過了6 個月在阿姆斯特丹和南非 的基督徒門徒訓練課程,我決定要去上 大學。我本來想做一個富有的律師(是我 童年的夢想,主要是根據約翰。 姆小說),我現在決定在阿爾卡拉德埃 納雷斯大學研究人文學科(馬德里,西 班牙附近)。在非洲旅行期間出,我發現 了新的興趣: 喜歡去理解這個世界,和 找 尋 使 人 多 方 面 懷 疑 神 的 因 素 , 就 像 我 以前一樣。我覺得神叫我來理解這些事 情,不單是讓我個人的信心成長,也可 以在這一方面事奉神。在馬德里的大學期 間,我非常熱心參與一家很復興的地方教 會-帶領敬拜讚美和青年組-以及全國性 的組織24-7禱告網(www.24-7prayer. com) 和"地下崇拜"(Underground Worship)等。這些侍奉都帶給我很大的 靈命成長。 Jvenes Changemakers (Young Changemakers: joveneschangemakers.org). 過 了 這 段 時間,我開始在一家支持和啟動社會企業 家的組織工作。在這個組織中我不僅開始 了為弱群伸展正義,也啟發、鼓勵和支持 年輕人推出他們自己對維護弱群的事工。 最終我發起了一個全國性的組織,現在還 在西班牙運作。這個組織叫"年輕的-改 編者"。在阿肖卡公司工作五年,我的心

靈經歷一些不平安。總結就是一種沒有滿 足的感覺。做的事很有興趣,對世界很 有"影響力",但我覺得沒有連上心中的最 深處。事實上,由於我的工作崗位,我不 能暢所欲言。在祈禱中和與朋友及領導人 談到我的感受時,神就開始讓一顆牧養人 的心慢慢生長,這是遠超過我自己想像的 目標,恰好與我在教會裡承擔更多的關懷 事工相應。這樣,我才發現我是真正喜歡 去挑戰和鼓勵別人對神更加有信心。此 外,我開始明白西班牙面對一個極大的問 這裡缺乏有裝備的青年領袖去準備 接管幾位現任牧師們的事工,他們正準備 退休或已經老化。這一切給我一個強烈的 感覺,神在憐憫我,邀請我進入專業的侍 奉。 為此, 我需要最好的訓練, 不只要 成為一個忠心的牧者,但也要能夠鼓勵、 挑戰、 培訓和差派其他的年輕人去回應 上帝的呼召,成為教會的領導。因着這樣 的帶領,我來到美國,進入三一神學院, 接受一流的教育和訓練,學習如何教導聖 經的話語,以及教會歷史的理解,尤其是 關鍵的改革和復興的時刻。

對未來的展望,相信西班牙是我是要 回去的地方。為了更好地準備,除了完成 神學碩士的課程,我與我的妻子計劃多呆 一會,接受進一步的實習。也可以招募夥 伴教會和同路人,一同支持西班牙的牧職

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培訓的工作。然而,在我興奮的預備培訓 其他人之前,我先要去牧養神已委託給我 的人。現在我們已看到了相當多的年輕西 班牙人來聯繫我們,分享他們的呼召,包 括專業的侍奉,或是認真的接受聖經的培 訓,裝備來與其他人分享福音。我對這一 方面的需要負擔很重,我祈求,成為上帝 的一個少少的器皿,把培訓帶進西班牙, 歐洲,和其他國家,包括我們目前服務的 美國在內。

當我回頭看我的生命,很顯明神早就 開始預備我。他已知道前面的事情,他一 步一步的指引我的路。現在,當我們經 歷了經濟需要的挑戰去完成學業,進入侍 奉 , 我 們 知 道 他 還 在 那 裡 , 帶 領 我 們 走 過這段路程。八歲的時候,要搬到新的國 家,用不同的語言,那裡的人的樣子與我 不一樣,行為也不一樣,和對我的信仰咄 咄逼人,我現在的禱告和那時是一樣," 上帝,求你憑你的旨意來使用我。"

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我實實在在的告訴你們,我所 做的事,信我的人也要做,並 且要做比這更大的事,因為我 往父那裡去。

約翰福音14:12

