

## meet the MUCKLES



## SPAIN

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## their story

Ken and Carolyn met when Ken was serving as a youth pastor and Carolyn became involved in that church's young adult group. They married, and then went to Costa Rica in 1996 for a year of language school. In 1997, they went to serve in Madrid, Spain, and have been obedient to God's calling on their lives ever since. It is a difficult ministry field since Spain is believed to be the most secular nation in Europe.

In 2000, God led them to move to Guadalajara to join a church planting team in that province. They started with a small Bible study with eight members, and now hold their church services in rented office space because the congregation outgrew their home. Federico and Lucia began partnering with them in ministry in 2009. Fede had been one of Ken's students at the SEFOVAN Seminary, where Ken has taught part-time since 2001.

Ken and Carolyn also minister through an English reading club and aerobics class, Apples of Gold, a children's group, and sports programs. The focus of their ministry is church planting through friendship evangelism of those who don't know the Lord, and teaching and discipling those in the church.

Ken and Carolyn have four grown children. Joe, his wife, Val, and their two daughters live in Philadelphia; Hannah also lives in Philadelphia; Sam and Nathan are attending college the U.S.

## recent prayer requests

The Muckles have been back in Spain for over one month now! They arrived back to more restrictions and a rise in cases, but so far, their town has been fine. They have had a few church members sick with COVID, but because all their services, meetings and Bible Studies are still online, they have not been affected. They do not imagine meeting in person again until after the New Year. They are sad not to be able to hold their Thanksgiving Outreach this year, but they continue to trust the Lord and His plan and timing.

Ken and Carolyn have started a biweekly Family Forum, via Zoom, in which they discuss a book about child-raising. They praise God that first one was well attended and enthusiastically received!

The Muckles would like to ask for prayer for Carolyn's mom. She has been fighting pneumonia, antibiotics haven't worked and it was decided to put her on hospice care. The doctors think she probably has weeks or even months to live. It is heartbreaking because she cannot have visitors at her nursing home. Please pray for comfort for Carolyn's mother as she faces her last days and wisdom for Carolyn and her three sisters. Please also pray about when Carolyn needs to return to the states. Ken and Carolyn are thinking about the possibility of returning for Christmas, so Carolyn can see her mom. Although Carolyn would have to quarantine for two weeks before she could see her.

Pray for Ken and Carolyn's church. Pray for:

- God to work in the hearts of those who attend their Family Forums.
- God to save the families of their church members.
- wisdom about restarting their services soon and for an increase in the commitment of many of their church members

Pray that God would bless the Muckles' ministry partners, Fede and Lucia, with grace and strength for their family and ministry That He would prosper their weekly on-line Kids Club, and that God would save those in the English Reading Club, Pilates and Fede's Gym group.

Pray for Ken and Carolyn's kids and granddaughters to grow in their relationships with the Lord and that God would raise up many new financial and prayer partners and that they can get back to full support.