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## Hi friends,

My house exploded recently with feijoa fruit but sadly I took no photos as evidence. These wee green beauties seemed to invade every corner of the kitchen and the two ladies who I'm staying with, Janet and Josephine turned into feijoa cooking experts producing chutney, chilly sauce, juice and even a pie!

Thanking God for this feijoa infused place to rest my head and for these wonderfully creative ladies.

## Re-charging the batteries

I'm filled with a deep sense of thankfulness for this year. It's been tough adjusting to life here but the time is helping my heart and mind to find deep rest and rich encouragement.

The support and all the love I have received through prayer, practical help, calls, ongoing financial support, coffees out and wee gifts has been far more than I imagined. I am overwhelmingly thankful to God for all of you and for your continued partnership.

**Pics:** Lunch with the new assistant minister, Joel and his wife Lilia. My Mum and I at the opening of her students art exhibition.





## Church time!

Recently, I had a very fun week with one of my supporting churches. I loved sharing and speaking of life, people and ministry in Gijón; having moments to listen and chat with church family and spending time with the staff team. **Thanks Cornerstone Church!** 

My home church, St Stephens has been a sweet ongoing support. I have joined a welcoming homegroup and I'm beginning a prayer triplet with a young mum and an older lady from the church. **So much to give thanks for!** 

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## Prayer & Praise...

48 hour prayer event that my church in Spain ran. Praise God for those who signed up and were enthusiastic to pray for the needs of the local churches and the neighborhood. Since it was all on zoom I joined in too!

Work: I've been working at Farmers department store for a couple of months now. The routine has been super satisfying. Other highlights include my workmates, helping customers and sometimes using my Spanish.

Prayer triplet: Praise God for this new meet-up! Pray that we can be a wee group that grows together through prayer and fellowship.

Mission organisation: Give thanks and pray for my Mission organisation, NZCMS. Please pray for plenty of godly wisdom and discernment for them as they navigate sending and caring for mission partners both here and overseas.

Restful thanks: These words from Matthew keep popping up. I love that He's the expert at caring for our inner beings and knows how to bring about the deep soul rest that we all need.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Thanks friends. As always, if there are ways I can be praying for you then please let me know.

Many blessings,

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