

# Moving to Madrid



On Feb the 7th we were “visited” by the Belgian police. It has been a challenge not being able to go into the building. We are having to get creative to keep ministering. Below are some of the reasons for us relocating to Spain.

For seven months, since February 7, the IMM staff ‘meet daily in the temple’ for prayer each morning. We seek God for intervention, direction, and guidance. And we are in accord in regard to Madrid, even anticipating the challenges, changes, and opportunities

The receptivity of the Superintendent and Spanish National Church has been unbelievable. They are willing to change their constitution and by-laws to accommodate IMM and ensure the success of media ministry from their nation!

The studio at IMM is used infrequently in comparison with the enormous number of hours required in pre/post-production and the equipment in the studio is becoming outdated. Yet, for each studio shoot, we need a large staff. Then, when the long editing process takes place, there is no meaningful work for studio technicians. The result is discontented MA’s and missionaries. Many times I wished there was a Christian studio available to co-op within Brussels. Well, Hallelujah! In Madrid, we found not one, but THREE Christian owned and operated studios, eager to partner.

Paul T. assures me that the Spanish field has no problem in obtaining visas—other than the length of time involved. There is no guarantee for the future (anywhere), but currently the doors are open. As you know, getting visas for Belgium has been an ongoing nightmare and, at present, there is a moratorium on ANY new MA’s. Of course, we depend on MA’s; in fact, we urgently need four or five right now!

The Spanish language will, over a period of time, become our ally. Spanish is the most commonly studied foreign language in the USA. The IMM staff has already started Spanish class here in Belgium!

There have been virtually no other Christian media professionals to fellowship within Belgium. In Madrid, we found several groups of Christians involved in media. TBN, Re-Mar, Malaga Media Center, HCJB, etc.

MK school costs are exorbitant in Belgium. Most of the missionaries in Madrid send their children to a Christian school (K-12) which costs far less. In addition, the cost of living is a bit lower than Brussels.

A large portion of our work involves broadcasting into North Africa and the Middle East. Madrid places us in closer contact with the people from these countries and there are a number of people who speak these languages living in Spain.

Last, but not least, I have overwhelming peace in the midst of the raging storm. There is so much to be done. Everything we continue to try and do in Belgium is more and more difficult. A move is costly both in money and time. But in it all, I sense that if we hold steady, resist fear, and trust God, He is going to Enlarge our tent, stretch the curtains wide, strengthen our stakes. And spread us out to the right and to the left...to settle desolate cities with the Gospel.” (Isaiah 54:2-3) Please keep us in your prayers. Extra support will be needed to facilitates the move. With your prayers God will bless us with getting to Spain.

Please partner with us in prayer for the difference of the additional expense both personally and for the ministry, that new visa’s from the Spanish government would be granted, and that God’s wisdom would be imparted on how to move both equipment and personnel. Pray also for MAPS teams to help in the move.

## A Letter from Bangladesh

Dear Director,

Every week I see your program and I like it very much. This kind of program is very new in our country that is not only entertainment but also we can learn so many things. This is the first time I am writing to any T.V program director. What I’ve learnt today I want to share with you.

I’ve learnt many things about giraffe. I’ve learnt about electron, neutron and proton. The main thing I’ve learnt is that you can’t do anything if you have stubbornness and jealousy. Those who look for peace are wise. Everyone needs a media to communicate. Jesus is the media between God And us so that we can go to heaven. These are the things I’ve learnt from the program today. Hope to see this program for a long time.

Soheli bari  
C/O Shahidul bari  
P.O Shonatola  
Bagura