

December 12, 2024

We hope this letter finds you well! We are so grateful for you, your prayers, and your generosity throughout the year! It is a blessing to be in full-time Christian ministry and that is only possible because of your partnership with us. As we look toward 2025 we are excited to share with you that in June our family, minus Emma, will be going on a mission trip to Spain.

The Camino de Santiago is an ancient pilgrimage from all parts of Europe to northwest Spain. It is called "The Way of St. James." We will serve at a house on the Camino trail where we will provide meals, lodging, and build relationships with a desire to directing travelers toward the One who gives life— Jesus Christ. There are over 600 pilgrims a day, searching for answers. As you might remember, Heather and Caleb served in 2016 at the same house we will be working at. I have attached part of our prayer letter from their trip below. Our hope is that this will become an ongoing partnership to which we could bring other teens and parents so they could practice sharing the Gospel to the nations and living missionally.

We love serving Christ as a family. But doing so requires a lot of faith to raise the needed funds. The cost will be around \$2,700 a person so for the five of us to go we will need to come up with \$13,500. I know many of you give an end of the year gift, so we wanted to ask if you would prayerfully consider giving to this need now. To do so you can go to [experiencethrive.org/donate](https://experiencethrive.org/donate) and choose Dan & Heather Litchfield or mail a check, made out to Thrive, and send it to PO Box 993 Mount Desert, ME 04660. Thank you for your prayers and for considering this additional gift. For His glory, Dan & Heather



## Finding the Way

One of the things we did after eating dinner with the pilgrims, was to go through Soularium, an evangelistic tool that uses picture cards to describe one's perspective of God. Every night we had guests from every corner of the globe with every spiritual background; one of the men in this photo claimed to be a vampire. And each night we had people thank us for the best experience they had had on the Camino. All of these visitors had the chance to see the Jesus Film, engage in a spiritual discussion and experience the love of Christ.

## Every Tongue, Tribe and Nation

In one week we met pilgrims from 48 countries. Many were at a turning point in their lives: lost a job, retired, got divorced or lost a loved one. One man from the island of Seychelles in the Indian Ocean was in his late 70s and had walked 1,500 miles as a penance. He was illiterate but carried a prayer in French and cried when he had me read it to him. On another occasion a Columbian woman was seeking a miracle for her sick 8 year old daughter. Crying and praying alongside her and offering hope in Christ is one of my treasured memories. Yet another man, estranged from his family, accepted Christ and is now part of the family of God!

