

# TESTIFY

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## CONQUERING WITH LOVE

*by Josh and Susy Fajardo, Missionaries to Spain*

Madrid, where we live, is hot and dry during the summer months. The weather seems to be fitting to the spiritual climate – dry. Most people have no interest in religion, and the majority of young people we have met have no connection with any church nor do they care to. Most kids between the ages of 8 to 10 celebrate first communion (a Catholic ceremony), but shortly after that they seem to simply drift away. Teenagers and young adults consider themselves either agnostics or atheists, and they tend to hold a socialist ideology.

In addition, Spain has a history of being conquered by one nation after another. Today they do not want to be conquered by anyone – man or God. So we have to be careful in our approach. We have learned quickly that relationships are regarded highly and that a big part of our ministry has to be founded on friendship. But even friendship is not easy; people guard their privacy. It is almost as if they have a fence around them and only friends are allowed through it. We will have to spend time building relationships and just showing Christ's love to the people. This will take a lot of patience. Most of all, we know we personally need a very strong prayer life and the strong presence of the Holy Spirit to carry out His will for us here in Spain. We want these people to understand that we are not about a religion (they are tired of that), but about a relationship with the one true God through Christ.

If there should be any conquering here in Spain, it will with God's unconditional love and it will be of the people's hearts and minds. He has simply called us to **Testify – He is the One** they need in their lives and that Jesus can be their best friend, if they let Him.



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