

The other side of Alongside...

When we first arrived at Alongside, the intensive retreat and counseling center we attended in Michigan, we felt unsure. We were unsure of the people we found ourselves sharing a table with and unsure of the staff standing in front of us and unsure of just about every aspect. As the staff began walking us all through orientation, we felt our shoulders relax a bit as we heard them share their own experiences at Alongside and expectations for our time there. And on the first night as we were invited into community by a fellow coffee-loving German-speaker, we felt comfort and we felt valued. Our experience only increased in value from there and the anxiety coursing through our veins lessened with each passing day.

There are many things about our time at Alongside that were transformative. The biggest one for us, though, was being included in community as GOD designed it to be, wherein a group of people are intentionally living life together and attuning to each other along the way.

It's a strange thing to enter community with a group of complete strangers and decide to trust each other with your biggest wounds. To share your deepest fears. To laugh together. To cry together. To feel anger together. To genuinely delight in each other.

We are unsure we have ever fully experienced this type of community before Alongside and, given the line of work we are in, it feels uncomfortable to admit that. However, we feel inspired to take what we experienced with us into the world and, by GOD's Grace, replicate it with those we come into contact with in the future.

Fundraising Update

SUSTAINING BUDGET IS 92% FUNDED!

That means we only have \$625 per month to raise before we are fully funded! If you are currently a financial partner, would you consider increasing your monthly donation? If you aren't currently giving financially, would you consider becoming a

financial partner?

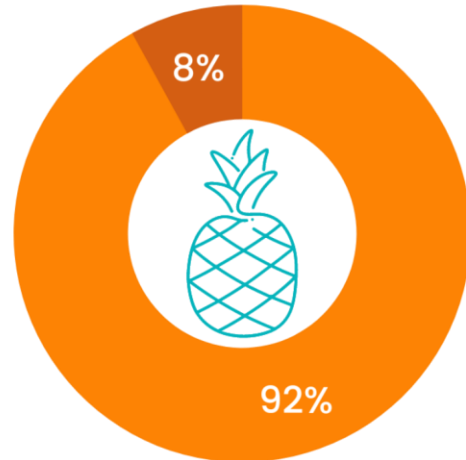
One-Time Support



Only \$1,644 until it's filled!

We ask you to give towards our one-time costs that accompany our move to Valencia. These include things like airfare, visa applications, language school, etc.

Sustaining Support



Only \$625 per month needed until we are fully funded!

This sustaining budget includes expenses that occur regularly for us personally and for the ministry in Valencia, i.e. weekly ministry events, housing or retreats.

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pray with us...

...for our future teammates as a new semester gains momentum in Valencia.

...as we continue to take steps towards serving in Spain by completing requirements and continuing our fundraising.



What would *you* like to hear about in our next update?

Please let us know what you are curious about as we work towards moving to Valencia.