

David & Joanna's story

We are a young couple, married in 2011. Since then, we felt God's call in our lives to serve Him working with teenagers.

I, David, was born in a Christian family, and always went to



church. However, I related God with Religion and boring people. In my church, there were no kids of my age but one day, I was invited to a camp and find out that following Jesus was not boring at all. It was there, through my counselor, that I was able to understand the Gospel and decide to become a follower of Jesus.

Joanna comes from a non-Christian family. I met her, years later, through a common friend from the church. She started attending church and we began reading together the book "The purpose driven life", after which, she decided to become a Christian.

We have always had a special call to work with young people and I, David, have done it in different ministries inside and outside the church, from which I have learned and God has used to train and prepare us for this moment. In summer 2019 I got involved with Young Life as a volunteer leader. The more I got to know Young Life the more I felt that it was a perfect fit to our call and our passion for kids and Jesus.

God has confirmed us that He wants us here. Moreover, this call has been doubly confirmed when we found out that the Young Life team in Banyoles had been praying for several years for someone to lead the Banyoles area!

About Banyoles, Catalunya and Spain

Banyoles is a 20,000-population city in Catalunya, located in the northeast site of Spain, one and a half hours driving north from Barcelona.



Catalunya has its own language, culture and government. The capital of Catalunya is Barcelona and there are 1.6 million people living in this city and a total of 7.5 million people in the whole Catalunya.



As part of Spain, The Reformation could not come to Catalunya because the Inquisition. After the civil war in 1936 we had a dictatorship that didn't allow any other religion besides Catholicism up until 1978. We have been under a strict and powerful Catholicism, promoted and projected by the authorities of the country. As a result of this imposition, many people are still rejecting everything that is related to Jesus and the church.

This rejection is notorious in the public education system, which is very secular, and no teacher, worker, volunteer, or anyone working with the schools is allowed to talk about their faith. Some statistics say that, nowadays, less than 50% of the population of Catalunya identify themselves as Catholic (actually, less than 10% attends to church), 7.3% as Muslims and only 2.5% as evangelical. Spain is considered the less reached Spanish speaking country in the world.

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About YL Catalunya

Young Life Catalunya was born in 2007 in Banyoles, after several people saw the need to incarnate the message of Jesus to our young people beyond the summer camps.

The ministry expanded from 1 staff person in Banyoles to actually 6 staff, 4 established areas, 2 areas in development and about 50 volunteer leaders in 2020.

Since 2007, we have had several camps in summer and winter, clubs in 4 different cities, and doing contact work in two Public High Schools in the Barcelona area.



Currently, YL Catalunya has the following ministries where we do contact work and have clubs:

- **Banyoles**, with a weekly tutoring club, and a YL club every two weeks.
- **Barcelona**, with a weekly Impact Club in a Public High School, a weekly YL Club, and a large monthly YL Club.
- **Cornellà**, with a weekly Impact Club in a Public High School.
- **Blanes**, with a monthly YL Club.
- **Reus**, developing area
- **Granollers**, developing area

Our vision

Young Life Catalunya's vision is for every teenager to have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

Our vision is to show teenagers the Truth about Jesus, His love and the richness of having a relationship with Him. We want to be the people that they know they can come to about anything, who are always willing to help them no matter what.



My roles in YL

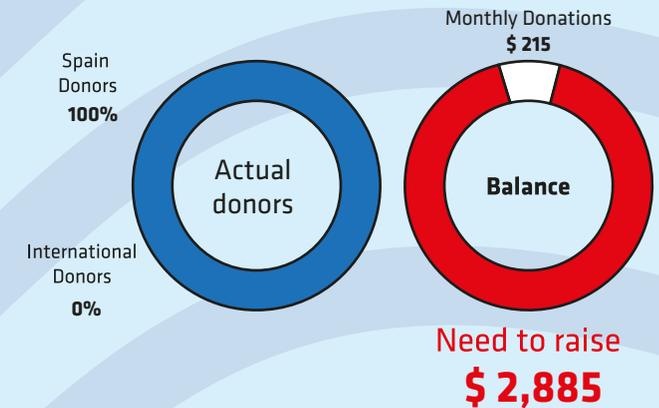
My role will be to become the future YL Banyoles Area Director and expand the well-established ministry here. In order to do that, the actual Area Director will train me in a two-year process. My main goals will be:

- To reinforce and expand the partnership with the Banyoles City Hall
- To reinforce and expand the Contact Work, Club, Camp and Campaigners
- To reinforce and expand the Tutoring Club and Basketball Camp
- To reinforce and expand the strategy to use the YL Youth Center with new and innovative activities
- To keep recruiting and training more volunteer leaders
- To start the contact work in the high schools of Banyoles
- To expand the ministry to Girona, the next main city and Capital province

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