



Camp L'Arcada, located in northern Spain, was founded by missionaries with Greater Europe Mission.

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Unusual and exceptional blessings

The first camps of the summer began June 23. Since then, some exceptional blessings have taken place as well as some unusual contacts made that will broaden and improve the excellent activities that L'Arcada already has available for its campers.

Unusual spiritual results

Our first two camps were sports camps. Coaches from the U.S. led the practices and earned the respect of the campers, so that when they spoke of their relationship with the Lord, the campers listened with interest. Because Spaniards have such an exceptional interest in American football, for some years L'Arcada has offered an American Football Camp. The credentials of the coaches who teach in these camps are so exceptional that this year they caught the attention of some Spanish coaches.

A parent who is a coach for one of the three football teams in the Barcelona area came to watch one of our practice sessions. His reaction was: "This is incredible. These kids play on three different football teams and are fierce rivals. And yet, here they are acting as friends, putting their arms around each other in a huddle, and praying together with their coach at the end of the practice session!"



During the Basketball Camp one of the coaches told Anna (Director): "I've been waiting 21 years to be able to witness to kids like I have this year." He was so impressed with the way campers showed interest in spiritual matters. He said that of all the years he has served at L'Arcada, he has never seen such interest in spiritual things on the part of the campers as he has this year. Another coach told how a camper came to him, gave him a big hug, and said: "When I am older, I want my kids to grow up knowing God just like we do at this camp."

During that first week of camp: 7 campers accepted Christ as their Savior; 5 others who did so last year returned this year with a clear interest in continuing to grow in their Christian life; 21 campers asked to receive a free Bible; and campers asked again this year to have a Bible study *before* breakfast. Some 65

people got up early to attend this voluntary Bible study. There were so many that they had to be divided into two groups.

Unusual contacts

The first night of the Native American Camp, one of the campers began to cry non-stop and refused to go to bed. So much so that the monitor of that teepee had to ask Anna for her assistance. After talking with that camper, he agreed to let her call his parents to come and take him home for the night if he promised to come back the next morning and slip into bed before the other campers in his teepee woke up. He agreed and did so the next morning. When Anna called his parents she noticed an advertisement about horses attached to their phone number. She asked if they had horses to rent. They did but said they could give her a better contact.



The next morning, she called the contact. When she was able to get the price down to a workable amount, he agreed to bring ponies to L'Arcada each day for the two Native American Camps. You can imagine the wonderful time those kids had. God can use even a crying child to help make the camp a wonderful experience.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who have helped to underwrite this summer's monitors and volunteers. Gifts have covered the cost for all but 10 of the volunteers. We need \$3,000 to complete this important project. To send a gift, simply go to <https:gmission.org/donate>, click on give, then on Fund a Project, and write 58701. You can also click on the link below:

[L'Arcada Christian Camp Ministry Needs - Greater Europe Mission \(gmission.org\)](https:gmission.org/donate)

Also, our many thanks to all of you who have prayed for this ministry. Some young people have accepted Christ as their Savior, others are a step closer to knowing Him, they are forming meaningful friendships that will last all winter, and volunteers and monitors are growing in their relationship with the Lord as they witness to the campers. Please continue to pray for God's blessing upon the camps that will take place in August, as well as for our staff and team of monitors and volunteers.

Jim Fasold
Board member