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## MUSCATINE MAYOR SENDS GREETINGS TO MAYOR OF MARBELLA



**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – An upcoming Calvary Church mission trip to Marbella, Spain, created an opportunity for Muscatine to reach across the ocean and extend the hand of friendship in hopes of creating opportunities for cooperation between the two municipalities.

Executive Pastor Josué Villatoro and Visual Art Pastor Johan Umaña visited Muscatine City Hall Wednesday morning to shoot a short video featuring Muscatine Mayor Brad Bark sending a personal greeting to the Mayor of Marbella.

“The goal is to use the footage to introduce and establish a connection between our city leaders to perhaps develop an exchange or ‘sister-city’ relationship in the future,” Villatoro said. “We are looking forward to discovering new opportunities between Muscatine, Iowa, and Marbella, Spain.”



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Mayor Bark was excited about the opportunity to work with Calvary Church and create a message of introduction and greetings to his counterpart in Spain.

"We have nine sister-cities and Marbella could become the 10th," Bark said. "Anytime we can foster good relations, and develop opportunities to exchange ideas or even student exchanges demonstrate our willingness to be a part of the global community and develop friendships."

The video will be presented to the Mayor of Marbella when the mission arrives in Spain.

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