

# Keeping up with Pastor Jim on his Sabbatical journey



It is raining in Madrid. I did not sleep well on the flight over the Atlantic, even though I was in Economy Plus.

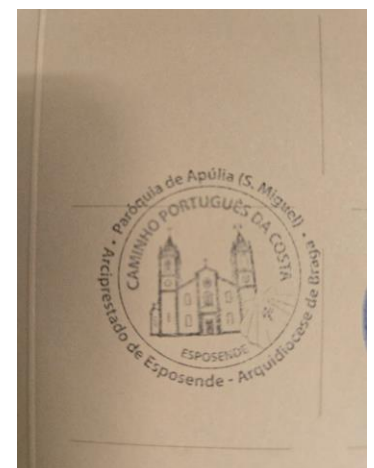


Why they call it Porto or Oporto.



The Old Man and the Sea (1952) (er Atlantic Ocean)

Prayed for the good folks at First Presbyterian Church of Maysville Kentucky yesterday at this church on the Camino. Love ya!





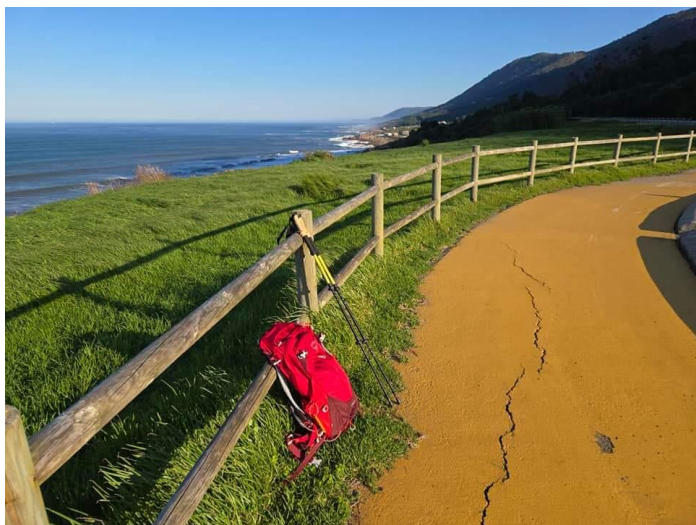
Sometimes it's relaxing to have someone else do the driving. (Remember the old Greyhound bus commercial?) The arrows guide Pilgrims on the Camino. The arrows are always painted the same yellow. Bon Camino! **(Bon Camino' meaning 'have a good journey' in Spanish)**



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**(Goodbye Portugal Hello Spain.)**



James (Jamesy) Dougans was here. According to Brendan of Glasgow many men in Scotland are named James. That often morphs into Jamesy. I've heard Jimmy, Jim, Jimbo but I've never been called Jamesy. Also Brendan said my last name, Dougans, is common in Scotland but not so many with the s on the end.



After walking 13 miles into Baiona, Spain I was rewarded with one of THE BEST MEALS of my life. I could eat this meal every day if that was the only option. It has a name, "Ensalada Completa," made with fruit, tomato, cheese (the half circle), nuts, and of course lettuce. Topped with a simple dressing of oil and vinegar and accompanied by sparkling water and bread dipped in olive oil. Yum



Rainbow over Vigo Bay - It has rained most days on the Camino, usually a light rain. Sometimes I didn't even take out my rain jacket. Yesterday was a gully washer. I regretted abandoning my rain pants back in Vigo. But oh well. Everything dries out. I didn't know that the rainbow is mentioned 33 times in the Bible. We all know about the covenant with Noah expressed in Genesis 9:8-11. God is good.





Okay all you history buffs here is something for you. The Puente Sampaio Bridge, which spans the River Verdugo with 10 arches, was built by the Romans; however, what you see today is from the medieval period. This bridge is still used today for car and foot traffic, including yours truly. It is near the town of Arcade.



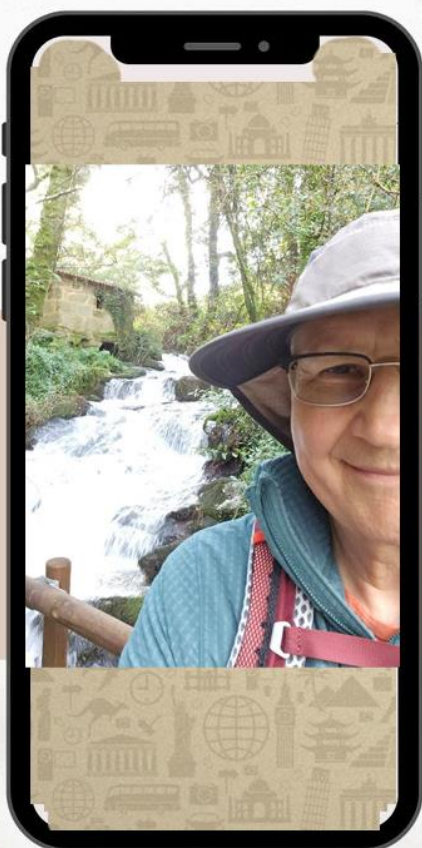
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The Camino this time of year is usually a solitary place. Not yesterday as you can see from the photo. There was group after group heading along at a good clip on the Senda Litoral. I tried to keep pace, but ended up missing my turn for the Variante Espiritual and traveling 30 minutes out of my way. I then had to retrace those 30 minutes, total of 1 hour lost. Ouch!  
Could there be a good sermon illustration here?



The Camino traverses cities, villages, countryside and foaming streams. Today's walk followed this stream downhill, pretty as a postcard. God's creation holds beauty at every turn?

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When you are on an adventure like the Camino you meet many wonderful people such as Sharon and Peter from Australia. For a few days we hiked along together, including this one and a half hour boat ride from Villegarcia de Arousa to Padron.

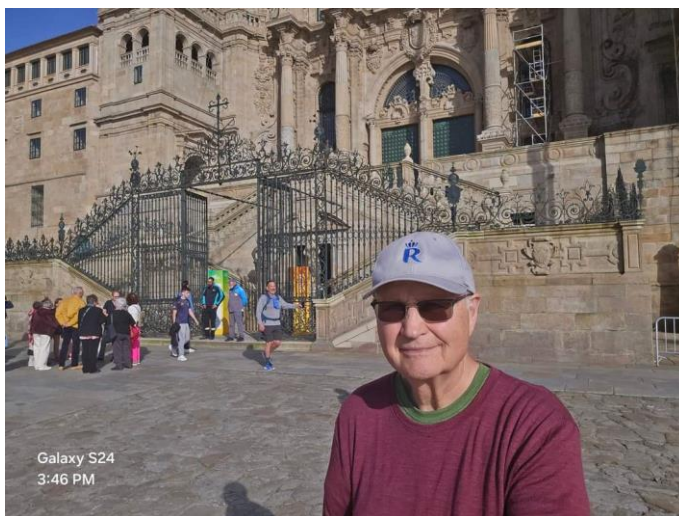


## Camino Vilanova de Arou to Padrón





Exito (success)! Estoy aqui! ( I am here) in Santiago. After 2 weeks, 160 mi miles, and with the sore feet to prove it, I have arrived in Santiago de Compostela. A heartfelt thanks to all who encouraged me and prayed for me during my Camino. God is good!





## Wonderful wind up day in Santiago.

I watched a debrief PowerPoint at the Pilgrim office. Prayed at a small chapel near the cathedral and caught up with a friend from the Camino. I also took in the pilgrim museum. Topped it off with a Cafe Americano and catching the sun at local cafe. Please pray for the Spanish people as they have suffered a terrible flood in the south and the east. The Camino has been great and I look forward to returning home!



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