The Smiths in Portugal

Dan and Rachael

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Dear praying friends,

We are having a great furlough and enjoying renewing acquaintances and reporting in so many churches. It's been so good to also visit family along the way. To date we have traveled 6,800 miles since the beginning of the year and we still have three months to go! This time is so different with not having anyone home schooling on the road! It's like an extended honeymoon! We get to talk, listen to audiobooks, and be much more present with each other as we travel. It's been great!

In Portugal, the church continues to step up and use the gifts the Lord has given. It's wonderful to see! The couples' dinner had a total of twelve couples, which is pretty much all we can fit into our largest room. A retired Portuguese pastor spoke this time and was a sweet blessing to our couples and guests. There were several visiting couples that are unchurched, so we thank the Lord for those who continue to invite. Our young people once again stepped up to help serve and care for kids, and Ligia made a beautiful and scrumptious meal!

Two weeks ago a new couple that has been coming were saved! We praise the Lord for that! This month, the ladies are organizing another Women's Day tea, like they did last year. We appreciate your prayers for that as they may have up to 40 ladies invited and will be sharing the gospel and God's perspective on the blessings of womanhood.

Please continue praying for:

- Salvation—Gregori (19), Arsenni's mom who will be visiting from Ukraine, Leonor (17), Weza (14), Rafael (muslim young man who came for several months before joining the Air Force), Mabanza (17), Giulia (17), Nalva (unsaved wife), Cheik (muslim husband), Ricardo (unsaved husband), Anthony (calls us his church, but depends on good works), Dasha (14)
- Teens who are wavering in their interest in Bible study and are obviously really struggling.
- English ladies Bible study—Angelina's salvation
- Families to make honoring the Lord a priority so they continue to grow in their faith.
- Property for the church—specifically we are praying for the Lord to work on the heart of our landlord.
- Furlough travels and visits with the churches

Thank you for your faithful prayer support,

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