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We are nearing the end of our six-month furlough. Since our last letter we have been in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, California, Iowa, and back to Texas! We are thankful to be able to visit so many of you, to see how faithful the Lord is to His churches, and to share what the Lord is doing in Portugal. It's also been a blessing to get to visit with family and friends that we only see every few years.

In Portugal, the ladies had a tea for International Women's Day, with many friends invited. One of our single ladies gave the devotional and was a blessing. One of our young men has been preaching once a month as he continues to prepare for ministry, and has been invited to preach in another church. A few young ladies have begun helping in the children's classes for the first time, and others keep growing in service to each other. Praise the Lord for growing His church!

We would like to ask specific prayer for a few things:

1) **Norma** will be having knee replacement on May 4th. Please pray for

Scott and Norma for their health and for Norma's recovery. As they have the majority of the ministry responsibilities right now, these next months will definitely be a challenge, as well as an opportunity for others to jump in and serve!

2) **Camp planning** and preparation is in full swing for July. Pray for God

to prepare the leaders and helpers. Pray for God to prepare the kids,

those who know the Lord and need to be challenged to live fully for

Christ, and those who don't know Him and will have to opportunity to follow Him.

3) We have a few **health issues** we are trying to get resolved before we return to Portugal. God has done so much already, and we are trusting Him to open the doors we need.

4) Permanent **church property** - As purchasing our current location is not possible, there are a few other possibilities and we are excited to see what God will do!

Thank you for your faithful prayer support,

Dan and Rachael Smith