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Arrival from Furlough – Norma and I arrived back to Portugal on July 2. Dan, Rachael, and Annette, as well as Lionel and Carol Martin greeted us at the airport, ate a quick lunch at a Burger King, and then we headed home to Portalegre. Our trip was very good, but long with twelve hours of layovers in DFW and London. We were in some of the busiest airports, but they were almost empty. We had to do “airport picnics” and we barely got home just before the Portuguese restrictions tightened even more not allowing travel from the USA.



IBP, Wonderful Surprise! – Our first Sunday back in Portalegre, July 5th, was a blessed experience! Dan and Rachael have continued to do a wonderful job in the church and had a service prepared that we would not have



expected! We were welcomed with six music specials by the church members, men leading in different aspects, and then a good message by Dan, church members doing “all of the physical preparations,” as well as greeting all that arrived and keeping the restrictions that are in place. We met some of the folk that are new to the church and were so blessed as we saw firsthand what the Lord has continued to do. They had redecorated the front of the sanctuary and it really looks nice! Dan had installed a sound system, computer linked to

the Smart Screen, etc. We were pleasantly blown away!

The Lord continues to work in our midst and Satan does not like it. We will be starting an extra teaching time for those who want to be used more in the church. Nine people want more training! We will be starting Sunday afternoon classes in mid-September. Also, we will be starting another Bible study about half an hour north of Portalegre for a small group that cannot travel each week to be with us. A few folk have accepted the Lord and we will be having a baptismal service in the Fall.

Double Blessing – We had presented a need of 20 more chairs for the church while we were on furlough. The Lord provided twice for this need through our home church, **Marsh Lane Baptist Church in Dallas, and Cornerstone Baptist in Decatur, Texas.** We will be able to do much more! We still have to make the purchase of the chairs, but we will also be able to purchase some media equipment for a better broadcast to the community. In the meantime, the church had already purchased eight new chairs, is paying the rent and utilities, and is simply taking on the work of the ministry.

Camp – Our summer camp was canceled because of the COVID restrictions. That camp facility has closed permanently and so we have to search again to find a place with decent facilities at an affordable price for next year’s camp. **Please, pray with us for this.** There are very few facilities available for such a purpose.

May the Lord continue to use each of us as we reach out to our world for Christ.

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