

The Smiths in Portugal

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What a blessed peace we can have as believers to know that in times of turmoil like our world has been experiencing, we know without a doubt that God is in control and we can trust Him. His goodness is displayed in so many ways and He continues to draw men to Himself through these trials!

The church in Portalegre continues to have visitors who are mostly believers from other countries. In September, we began a new in-depth Bible study on Sunday afternoon for those who are interested. There is usually a group of about ten and we are going through doctrine and questions they have. It's always exciting to hear someone say, "I want to be able to explain what I believe and why." Two young people have talked to us about God calling them into ministry. Right now they are looking at finishing their degrees, but they are serious about preparing for ministry, as well, so they are becoming more involved in some of the ministry of the church. What a blessing it has been to see the church growing!

In our last letter, we asked prayer for a new study about 45 minutes from us. As it turned out, Natália, who was saved last November, has a home they rent out for tourists. She and her husband offered us the house and literally turned the keys over to us to use whenever there are no occupants. Ricardo, her husband, is not saved yet, but is open and plans to come when he is not working. For the last month, we've been meeting with four ladies and their kids. Two weeks ago, Carla, who was invited by Natália, gave her life to Christ! The change in her demeanor and her desire to know how to handle situations God's way has been amazing. Please continue to pray for this group and for their husbands and families to come to Christ.

Our situation here has become somewhat stable, though for holidays they don't want us moving around much. This Sunday we will record the service and send it to those who live outside the county. Travel is shut down from Friday until Wednesday. We're grateful to know that God can work in any situation and keep praying for His guidance and protection. Our family has stayed well. Bethany tested positive when she got to school this year, but was never sick. A few in our extended family have had Covid, but have recovered well.

We thank you for your faithful prayer for our family and ministry. These are new days for everyone as we navigate all that has happened and the unknown of the future. What a joy to know that God has a plan and is using even these uncertain times to show people their need for salvation and relationship with Him. May all of our days be used for that purpose.

Your missionaries to Portugal,
Dan Smith and family

Prayer Requests

- * Salvation - Luis Barreto, Nuno (unsaved husbands), Sanguinho family, Miranda family, Jessica's family, Matilde's family, Natalia and family, Helena
- * Rebeca and Angélica
- * Ministry during this time of continued restrictions



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