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Some Different Days – Norma and Rachael have been taking a counseling course for a few years for ladies in ministry that has been extremely helpful in the day to day ministry here in the church. An invitation was made for husbands to attend as well, so I decided to do so this year. The week long course was held in Millstadt, Austria and was again extremely useful in helping think through various situations that come up in the people's lives that we minister to each week. I had told Norma that we would fulfill a lifelong desire she had of visiting the Austria and Alps region for our 50th Anniversary, but that came in the midst of COVID. We were finally able to realize the trip in conjunction with this conference.



Rachael returned to Portalegre after the conference, but we continued by train to several points in Austria, Germany and Italy before coming home. It was a wonderful trip full of good memories. (I had not realized how cheaply and how quickly you can travel on train in Europe – 240 km/hr.)



Family Visit – The end of May we had a short but really nice visit from our nephew and family, **Steve, Thao and Lauren**. We did a little more sightseeing with them in Lisbon and Marvão and just enjoyed encouraging each other in the faith.



Youth Camp – There is a lot of physical preparation that must be done to be able to

offer our youth camp. Most of that falls on Dan who begins well over a month before the actual dates of camp. Norma and Rachael begin preparing the food weeks ahead. COVID shut us down for three years, but we were able to start again last year with about 65 in attendance, but this year was the largest attendance to date with 98. This year we had 7 youth who made professions of faith in Christ and many others who came in brokenness over sin in their life. It can be overwhelming almost to hear them tell of what is going on in their life and how Satan is trying to bind them with pornography and sexual activity at such an early age. *"But God, who is rich in mercy..."* We are so grateful to see the Lord's conviction bring them to repentance and faith. Please, remember to pray for them as they confront the flesh, the world and the temptations of Satan each day.



We were able to take **22 campers + 20 adult workers from IBP.** God truly has put in the hearts of our church to help with camp.



Thank you for your help in all of this.

Scott and Norma

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