

The Smiths in Portugal

Dan and Rachael

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Dear praying friends,

Summer is here and we are two weeks away from youth camp!

God has been working and we are excited to be a part of it! Several families have been visiting regularly and are meeting with us to talk about joining the **membership** of the church. Our mature church members continue to help in teaching and discipleship. **Javier**, one of our single young men, preached for the first time three weeks ago, and was a huge blessing, and will preach again the Sunday after camp. What a blessing to see God growing people for His service! We have a baby due soon to one of our families, which is always a joy.

Two ladies accepted the Lord in March and have been coming faithfully to services, discipleship, and counseling. Please pray for **Sara and Carla** as grow in understanding God's will for their lives, and as they courageously make decisions that honor the Lord and change their lives drastically. Rachael and Norma need prayer and wisdom as they continue to teach and love our **teen girls**. There is such a pull toward everything ungodly. We want them all to come to camp, but we are praying for wisdom from the Lord in that. We would appreciate your prayer for Leonor, Weza, Winnie, Bia, Julia, Dasha, Mabanza, and the others.

Rachael finished up the school year of teaching **Evangelical Morality classes** (that is the name given by the national school board). We praise the Lord for this opportunity to teach Bible in three schools this year. One 10-yr-old boy, **Jairo, was saved** in November and grew in his understanding throughout the year. The others profess Christ already, and it was a joy to see them memorize Scripture and learn how to apply it to their young lives. The teacher meetings always a good opportunity to explain what was taught and why. Since we will be on furlough next year for several months, we won't be able to participate. Please pray for the Lord to raise up those who can fill this ministry need during the next school year.

As we prepare for **camp**, we would appreciate your prayers for the details that still need be finished. Waiting on city governments for answers can be frustrating and we want to be a testimony for the Lord in every communication. Please pray for the campers to have open hearts, for the workers to serve with love and grace, for the teaching to be understandable and Spirit-led, and for safety in all areas. Above all please pray for lives to be transformed and freed to live in the liberty Christ has provided.

Thank you so much for being a part of this ministry!

For Christ in Portugal,
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