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In our last letter we shared that we are taking each month of the year to “target” a group in our church to minister to. In February is the Portuguese holiday “carnaval” and we took the opportunity to organize a youth event with another Baptist church. Since our churches are small and so are our youth groups, these kids love getting together with other churches for fellowship. We had 20 in attendance and it went very well.



As a side note, this youth event was hosted at the youth center. For those churches who gave to make that space happen, thank you. It is full of kids multiple times/week. We will be extending an invitation to these kids and those who “hang out” with us to go to camp this summer. It is a great opportunity because many parents who won’t let their kids attend a “church service”, will allow their kids to go to camp where they can attend many services! If you would like to sponsor a camper, the cost is \$50. THANK YOU!

This month was Father’s Day in Portugal and we hosted an informal father/son dinner at a restaurant. It was a rarity for these men to be together in a men-only format and they enjoyed it.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 15 DAYS

We were invited by a supporting church in California to speak at a missions conference this month. They flew us in and even provided a 4 day stop in our home state of Kansas to visit our families. Since Landon was born on the field, this was his first time to meet everyone. This church encouraged us, loved on us, fed us a lot, and treated the kids to chuck-e-cheese, chick-fil-a, play dates, and trampolines at our hosts’ homes. Certainly, a 20+ hour trip with 3 kids cannot go off without a few hiccups (think of 10 and 11 hour flights over the water). The outgoing trip went fairly well, the incoming trip was unpleasant, and the 8 hour time adjustment has been brutal. Landon’s Californian “bed time” was 11 p.m. which is 7 a.m. here – meaning he wants to be awake all night, then go to bed at 7 a.m. We have had no time to slow down, though, plunging right back into our ministry and school schedule. No harm done – just a few sleepless nights until we all get back to our regular selves. It was a great trip and we are very grateful to have been a part of a great conference.



We appreciate your prayers for our upcoming ministry events in...

April: Easter and kids’ Sunday School Activity  
May: choir concert and ladies’ meeting

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