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Let the little children come...

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 we focused on the teens. In March, the men, and April, the kids. Since our kids had time off for Spring Break, we organized a Sunday School activity. Being near Easter we talked about Christ, who gave Himself for the church. We looked at the different images in Scripture: a bride, a building, a body. We discussed the importance of every member and how even the faithfulness of the kids is vitally important to the function of the church. As an illustration, we played the game "operation." Extracting shapes with metal tweezers without "buzzing" by touching the sides take much patience and care, just how we should operate within the church. We read the "rules of conduct," especially when dealing with conflict. They really enjoyed it and participated well.



Easter was well attended and a wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection at our church.

DUAL NATIONALITY

As usual, we used one of our spring break days on Portuguese paperwork. Since we are eligible, we have chosen to pursue Portuguese citizenship to cut down on the cost and amount of legwork and hassle it takes to keep our visa current, as other BBFI missionaries have recently done. Last time we renewed, it required 13 official documents. To apply for citizenship, it requires 4.

We were able to gather these while we were stateside in March, and last month we took a language aptitude test that started at 8 a.m. and finished at 3 p.m. (with breaks in between). We are still waiting to receive the results and certificate, but we are not worried ☺. We would appreciate prayers for a speedy process concerning our "nationality" as well as Landon's (we have been waiting many months to receive his).

Three cheers for school's end!

With all of the end-of-school activities, May always ends up being a very busy month. This school year, Beau took his 9-12th graders through every book of the Bible chronologically. It worked out that the High School choir "sang" through the major events of the Bible chronologically, including creation, the exodus, Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, the rapture, and finally we ended with a song from John's perspective as he witnessed the future event of a "searching voice" looking for "one who is worthy to open the book." He weeps because none is found worthy. But then, "Weep not, weep no more, for one IS found worthy - Jesus Christ the Lord!" Goosebumps. It was a wonderful concert and God was glorified.

Portugal welcomes the Pope

This year marks the 100th anniversary that Mary allegedly appeared to three shepherd children in a place called Fátima. Now a shrine to Mary, it is one of three main Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Hundreds of thousands visit this site each year, some crawling on hands and knees to arrive bloody and bruised to receive a blessing from God. In a video message on the eve of his trip, the pope urged all the faithful to join him, physically or spiritually, in Fátima. He said: "With all of us forming one heart and soul, I will then entrust you to Our Lady, asking her to whisper to each one of you: 'My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the path that leads you to God.'" Portugal estimates over 1 million accompanied him on his 90 km journey from Lisbon to Fátima. The darkness is great, as is the need for the gospel.

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