

# the LISBON focus

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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support! We are happy to share with you how God is working in our lives. We hope that this report is as encouraging to you as it is to us! God bless!

## 84 DAYS AND COUNTING

Last letter we asked you to be in prayer over several things that need to take place before we leave in November.

1. We are happy to report that we have raised the rest of the necessary funds for our **shipping container!** We will be loading and shipping at the end of October. Please be in prayer about the details as this is our first time to do anything like this!
2. Our baby was born perfectly healthy on August 8 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20 in. long. Her name is **Avery Layne** and she looks just like her Daddy.



3. Our family will be able to be “reorganized” under Valerie’s permanent residence **visa**, which is a huge blessing. We are waiting for Avery’s social security number so that we can apply for a passport. When we receive the passport, we can apply for the visa!
4. Our **support level** is currently at 70%. We have asked our prayer team to pray for 4 new churches per month to take us on between now and the end of the year to see this number at what it needs to be.

## OUR FINAL PROJECT

With our plane tickets purchased and our shipping container funded, we have moved onto our final project – raising funds for a vehicle when we arrive on the field. Vehicles in Portugal are very expensive with 52% sales tax! What a blessing it would be if each of the churches we have visited could send a one-time offering for this project. We have already received gifts from various churches totaling \$3,500. A special donation can be sent to the mission office marked “car fund” if you would like to make a contribution. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## JUST A NOTE – FYI

We will be including an updated family photo in our October letter. It will be a 4x6 unless you request otherwise. If you prefer to receive this by e-mail instead, please let us know.

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