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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!

THE “END OF AN ERA”

The end of 2009 brought several big events in our life! Our first baby was born. We finished deputation! We said good-bye to friends and family. We moved to Portugal! Our trip here was eventful but what is important is that we made it safely! Our container arrived without hassle. We made application for permanent visas and our request was granted. We set up a bank account and registered for a tax ID number. We found a house that we will move into on January 15th. We look forward to settling down a little bit in 2010 and finding our niche in the work here.

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

Three weeks after our arrival, we hosted our first mission trip. Kylee Napper (daughter of Mike Napper – missionary to Burkina Faso) was with us for one week. During her visit, we hosted our first youth meeting. We had 14 teenagers in attendance, 8 of which were visitors. Three have been back to church since and one has even brought her parents. We are thrilled that God is blessing our efforts!



We participated in our special Christmas service by putting on a short play. Even Paisley had a part with 3 lines in which she “spoke,” explaining the 3 gifts she had to give to Jesus. She gave her bed (so Jesus wouldn’t have to be laid in a manger), her sweater (because He had only “swaddling clothes”) and her dingo bones (her most prized possession). Beau did a fantastic job of memorizing all of his lines in Portuguese. Beginning with that service, He has been leading the music.

DEALS ON WHEELS

In the next month or two we will be shopping diligently for a car! Because of the exchange rate and 52% sales tax Portugal places on vehicles, we have set our goal at \$15,000 to purchase a 5 year old used car in decent condition. Thank you to the several supporting churches that have contributed toward this fund. We have received approximately 1/3 of our goal and have had several more promises.

CONVERTING DOLLARS TO EUROS

We have seen a steady increase in our support level since we have arrived on the field and lack only 15%. We are confident God will bring the rest in through the churches that have promised support beginning in January of the New Year. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. God bless you in 2010!

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