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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!

DISCIPLESHIP IS KEY

Our sending church sent us out with a heart for discipleship. If a committed soul winner wins 50 people to the Lord every year (how many of our most faithful church members do this?), at the end of 20 years, he will have won 1,000 people. However, if a discipler wins ONE person to the Lord each year and accomplishes his goal to establish that disciple in the Word of God, the local church, and the ministry, the disciple learns to win someone and continue this cycle. At the end of 20 years, over 500,000 people will have been saved and established in the ministry.

At the age of 12, I had a friend that lived down the street named Tania. I shared the gospel with her and she agreed that she needed a personal relationship with Christ. I lacked the confidence to pray with her so I took her to my Dad. When he was sure she understood, the three of us prayed together. Her parents and especially her grandparents were very upset over the non-Catholic "influence" I was having on their daughter and granddaughter, and we were allowed to spend less and less time together.

Over the past ten or so years, we have only spoken a few times but I have continued to have a burden for her. Since my return to Portugal, I have been able to renew that friendship and have prayed for an opportunity to talk with her about whether or not that decision was real. The topic came up easily in conversation and she gave a very clear testimony of salvation! I was overjoyed. She said over the past ten years she has read over half of the Bible but, of course, has difficulty understanding much of it. She asked if we could meet for a weekly Bible study. Since we started, she has not missed a week and has started attending our church with her four year old daughter, Luana. We are so excited to see what God will do in her life as she grows in Him.



WILL THE STROLLER FIT IN THE TRUNK?

As we began raising funds for a car, we asked God to show us just the right one. With 51% sales tax on vehicles, even the smallest cars have a pretty price tag. We found an awesome little Honda for sale by an individual. It met every criteria on our list including the price. Even though it is four years old, it only has 12,000 miles on it! We were thrilled! We were not



finished raising funds, so the mission office loaned us the difference to be able to buy it. We are so thankful for those who have promised to send in gifts to cover the rest of the cost. We lack \$4,500. Can your church help?

“ARE YOU GOING TO SHOWER WITH THAT CHOCOLATE AND YOUR SISTER?”

This is obviously not the question Beau meant to ask one of our teens. In our last letter, we asked for prayer concerning a language teacher for Beau. God answered in an unexpected way. For the past two months, Beau has been meeting with a Portuguese pastor a few hours each week and has been doing really well! He preached his first sermon in Portuguese at this pastor's church for a missions emphasis Sunday, he continues to lead the music at our church, and he taught the midweek service when Lionel and Carol were out of town. This was a short term solution since Pastor Jorge, like most pastors, has a limited amount of free time in his schedule. The original language teacher we wanted to use now has an opening and Beau will have a great head start as he begins meeting with her several hours per week. Isn't God good?

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