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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!

## HOORAY FOR SUMMER

Summer time is youth camp time! © We had the privilege of participating in two weeks of camp this year. We had an awesome first week themed "Treasure Hunt." Our activities centered around that theme including an actual treasure hunt, pirate races in canoes, and messages in bottles. (Each team was represented by a doggy mascot.



Paisley cheered for the orange team. Taffy, Dan & Rachael Smith's dog, cheered for the blue team). The lessons included people like the rich fool who built up treasure on earth but didn't prepare for eternity, the rich young ruler who would rather be rich on earth than follow Jesus, the man who recognized the value of the treasure he found hidden in a field and sold everything he had to buy the field, and Moses who chose to give up his earthly treasures to be identified with God's people and serve Him. The last night, we "tried" each of their lives "by fire." We deciphered their works as "wood, hay, stubble, gold, silver, or precious stones" and burnt each one. After each small fire, we determined what was left and what was lasting. Half of our 14 campers were unsaved and 3 gave their lives to Christ!! Please pray for the others that heard the gospel clearly presented but have not yet made a decision.



The second week of camp was themed "What God Uses." Chapel lessons were centered around ways God works in our lives, culminating with the fact that God could use anything to bring Him



glory but He chooses to use us. Beau had the opportunity to teach a chapel lesson in Portuguese, organize daily games, and help the boys with their weeklong wood-



working project. This summer was the first time this camp property has been used and it still has a lot of work to be done; but despite work-in-progress and temperatures over 100 degrees, 4 kids raised their hands for salvation, one made the decision to trust Christ, and several refocused their lives. God greatly blessed the efforts of both weeks!

## MATTERS OF PRAYER

1. Continued progress in Beau's Portuguese lessons. As is customary in Portugal, his teacher is on vacation during the entire month of August so he has homework to do in the meantime.
2. We are so humbled by and thankful for the gifts that have been sent in for our car. We lack only \$1,500.
3. Continued spiritual growth during discipleship with Tania. We are about to complete our first Bible Study and she is already inquiring about what's next.
4. A visitor walked through our doors 4 Sundays ago and has attended faithfully ever since. Pray for Ricardo's salvation.

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