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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!

A PORTABLE BAPTISTERY?

Beau and I have committed ourselves to pray more than ever for the growth of our church on a daily basis. It is our desire, not just to see people saved, but to teach them God's Word and see them become involved as a vital part of our church. Since salvation decisions are so few here, we can't afford for ONE of those newborn Christians to fall by the wayside, and we pray for them daily and invest as much as we can in each one.

We are so excited to tell you that we baptized Ricardo (yes, in a borrowed, portable baptistry) and thank those who have faithfully prayed for him during the past few months. We also had



a Portuguese family join our church this month, bringing our attendance to the highest the church has seen this year. We are excited about the way these are fitting into our church and becoming a part of our church family.



We host two youth activities per month, desperately striving to grow our youth class in number and in faithfulness to the Lord. We spent the week before our last activity begging God to bring us visitors to share the gospel with as well as to encourage our "regulars." We would have been overjoyed with one but God sent us THREE. Beau taught a lesson about the strength or power of God's Word. Many of the games centered around this theme, including sumo wrestling matches. We are anxious to see what the power of God's Word will do in these kids' lives.



I THOUGHT NOTHING WAS FOR FREE THESE DAYS...

We received an invitation for Beau to attend a free Portuguese class provided by the government. This will nearly double his language study hours each week. Since language learning is costly, we are sure this is God leading. We feel that He is preparing us for one of our main purposes on this team: to be capable to lead and continue to grow the church in the absence of our veteran team members. It is our desire to be ready to continue the ministry whether it be during an emergency visit or a planned furlough. Please pray for us as this goal leaves us busier than ever.



Beau teaches the youth a lesson - in Portuguese!

IS IT... UHH... DEAD?!

Every Sunday, the question of the morning is whether or not our song lyrics will be seen on the wall – either because the projector bulb is feeling weak that day or because our 10 year old projector has refused to power on altogether. It has become obvious that it is time to replace it. Since our church building is in a storefront, one entire wall is windows. We feel that the best replacement would be a plasma TV. The total cost of this project is about \$1,000. This includes the TV, the cables/wires for setup, a mounting bracket, and the exchange from dollars to euros. Would you consider helping us with this project?

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