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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!

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

During our travels to churches we often taught Sunday school and we must have asked hundreds of kids, "What is the job of a missionary?" Of course the answer was so simple THEN: to tell people about Jesus. The job description must evolve over the course of your ministry. I believe right now we are in the "CREATE OPPORTUNITIES to tell people about Jesus" stage.

That is what we tried to do this Christmas season. We hosted a church Christmas party to which our church members could personally invite friends for a time of games, refreshments, and an informal handbell concert which many of our people (mainly our teens) participated in. We had a great time and had twenty two of "our own" in attendance (no visitors).



In order to create an opportunity for our community to get acquainted with our church, we joined efforts with two other small church plants to put on a Christmas concert at each location. We played Christmas music on piano, flute, clarinet, and trumpet that added up to an hour long concert. We practiced diligently, passed out 1600 tracts in our area, and hung posters up all over town. This has been very successful in the past so we were a little perplexed that we did not have a single first time visitor at any of the locations. Despite our disappointment, we encouraged ourselves in the fact that God announced the birth of His own Son with music and He must have been pleased with our efforts. In the new year, we will find more ways to "create opportunities" to share the gospel with anyone who will listen.

Valerie accompanied for an American school's high school choir and elementary Christmas programs. Another missionary arranged for them to be able to perform at a Portuguese public school twice. The gospel was shared with over 100 Portuguese kids plus teachers!



On a personal note, Beau's mom was able to come for 10 days in December and we ate a "Christmas dinner" with her before she left and opened gifts. Her and Avery enjoyed getting reacquainted. It was wonderful, as well, to be able to spend Christmas with Valerie's parents, even though her brother was not able to join us this year. We have been so blessed this Christmas season. We would like to thank every church that sent us a Christmas gift this year. We know what a sacrifice that is in today's economy and that might have meant one less gift under your Christmas tree and one more under ours. We are so appreciative. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!



PROJECT PROGRESS

As the year comes to an end, we are calculating the progress of our projects. We have received all but 540 dollars toward the cost of our vehicle. Thank you for those who have given generously toward that fund.

Last letter we mentioned the need to raise 1,000 dollars for new audio/visual equipment at our church as our 10 year old projector comes to the end of its life. We have received 25 dollars toward this project so far and our teens have raised about 100 euros.

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