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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!

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION



In our last letter, we mentioned our upcoming plans to attend a TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) **seminar** and inform ourselves about how we can use this avenue to meet people and establish relationships within our community. The meeting was very informative and inspired us to see where this venture may lead us. Many steps have followed that meeting. We presented the idea to the members of our church and they were very excited about the part they may be able to have in attending the classes to meet people as well. We researched and ordered a Cambridge **curriculum**. We created a “school year” **calendar**, divided into trimesters of 10 weeks each (accommodating the many Portuguese holidays) and passed out a **flyer** announcing our first day of class, October 19th.

2:30 p.m. – Beau and Lionel go to pass out flyers in neighborhood mailboxes. 3:30 p.m. – Valerie receives a call from an interested lady. 4:30 p.m. – They meet at the church for the lady to fill out the “sign-up” sheet and receive the schedule. Before she leaves the lady says, “I think religion is interesting so if you taught about the church in this class, that would be ok with me. I would like to know a little bit more about your church.” So for the next 30 minutes Valerie answers her questions and shares about our church. **Already, this ministry is doing exactly what we had hoped.** It is exposing people in our community to our church and allowing them to “rub elbows” with the church in a non-threatening setting. In just a few days, we have had 7 more people sign up. Carol will be our first teacher for this fall’s Level 1 class.



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR BEAU

It was highly recommended to us that we receive some training specifically for TESL and the most recognized TESL education in Portugal is a **CELTA** (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults). Beau signed up for an **intense, 1 month course** in downtown Lisbon offered by Cambridge University. We are so grateful for the churches and friends who have covered the \$2,500 cost of this course and on such short notice! The class begins October 31st and goes through the month of November, a total of 125 hours in-class time and 100 hours of outside study. Please pray for Beau as he takes on this task!!



There is a handful of **additional expenses** that go along with “launching” this new ministry. If you would like to make a donation for any of the following things, that would be a great blessing to us!

Transportation pass: \$34.
Curriculum - \$20 per student.
CD player for in-class exercises: \$40.
Beau’s books for class: \$150
White boards: \$30



Most of all, please **pray for our team** as we undertake this new ministry. We are praying specifically for creativity, wisdom, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. It is our desire to see souls saved through this effort and added to our local church!

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