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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!

At the Speed of Light Life

What a whirlwind we have been living in as of late! We best not fall behind or we may never catch back up! We are thankful for all of the ministry opportunities God has given us lately. We are juggling English classes 5 days/week, one-on-one tutoring, translation, Bible studies, Sunday school, sermons, outreach, and the music ministry. So this is what it's like to work in a church where you are the only staff person ☺. We are happy that this weekly grind is winding down and that our English classes will end at the end of May. We are counting down until a short vacation and much needed rest in June. Meanwhile, we will also be preparing for our summer youth camp. After services on Easter Sunday (picture on left), we made a rainy



two hour drive to Portalegre for a camp-planning meeting with our colleagues, Dan & Rachael Smith. This has been a most fruitful ministry, and we would appreciate your prayers for the preparation and the campers we are already lining up to take. With camp preparations underway, we received a mysterious call from a realtor who said we had contacted him, though, in fact, we had not. Still, he had our number and a house he thought we might be interested in renting. We agreed to meet him and walked the long 5 minute walk from our current house to this house, on a neighboring street. It met every item on our "wish list" including a third bedroom, another bathroom, a yard, and an attic with storage space!! The asking price was more than we could afford, but we expressed we loved the house and didn't wish to offend anyone, but we could only pay this much.

He thanked us for our time and 5 minutes after we left, he called and said that the owner had accepted our offer. So SURPRISE! God has blessed us again! Our plan is to move into the house July 1st and hope to get everything put in its place before "baby O's" arrival on August 4th. What a blessing that Beau's mom will be able to come spend two weeks with us to visit and to help with the new baby (and our big baby, Avery ☺). Sometimes as missionaries, the logistics of everyday life get very hairy when you live far from friends or family you would normally call on in these types of circumstances. We are so grateful that some sweet friends and churches have already sent some special offerings to allow us to hire movers for our big furniture items. I'm sure we will only become more grateful as moving day approaches!



Cultivating Contentment

This is the theme of a Tuesday night "class" we have offered to ladies in our town. We passed out over 3,000 flyers and made dozens of personal invitations. This week, the class will have met for 5 weeks. We have had 3 unsaved, first-time visitors so far who seem to be very engaged in the class and listen attentively to the gospel and practical truths from the Scriptures, as well as a handful of ladies from our church that didn't come habitually to a mid-week service, so we are encouraged to see their faithfulness during this 12 week class and hope that this habit will continue in the future as they are blessed by the class. Sunday, we had 4 unexpected visitors who live in the apartment building directly above the church. They promised to be there for the Tuesday Bible study and again on Sunday. Please pray for this family and that God will add people to His church. We are praying the same for you!

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