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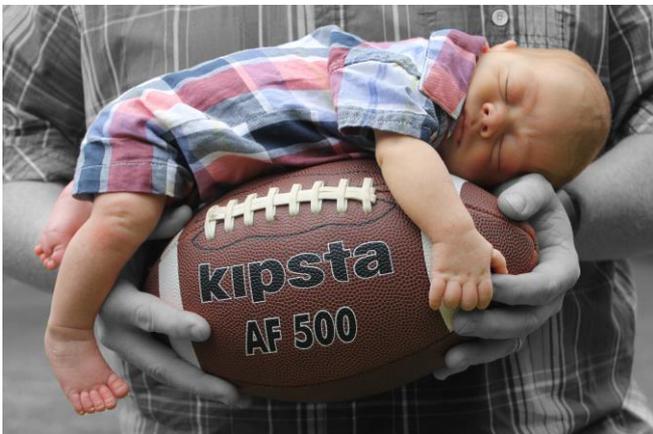
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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

With “mission conference season” in full session, several churches have inquired about a project they may be able to participate in to put their missions dollars at work! We hope you are as excited about the vision we cast in this letter as we are!

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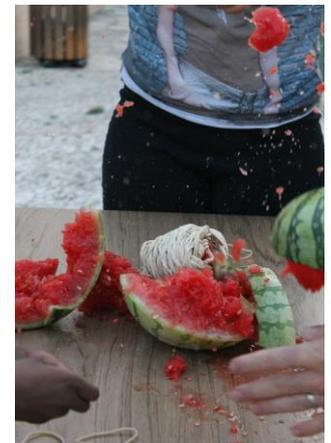


A lot has happened since our last prayer letter – the highlight being, we brought home our baby boy after 23 days in the nicu. He is doing fabulously and we are loving every minute. An honest, heartfelt thanks to every person who lifted us before the Lord and saved our baby boy’s life. What a resource we have available to us as missionaries to be upheld by the prayers of so many faithful believers! We do not take that lightly or for granted! Since our “hospital days,” Valerie has kept in contact with *Ana Garcia*, Tiago’s mom, who was Owen’s incubator “neighbor.” They left the hospital about 3 weeks after we did and Valerie and Ana have planned to grab a coffee together soon. Please pray for this meeting as we don’t want to miss any opportunities God orchestrates.

“YOUTH IS WASTED ON THE YOUNG”

Mission work in Portugal is certainly slow, arduous, and disheartening. Lately, especially, our spirits have felt the effects of this. Prayers for encouragement and enthusiasm would certainly be appropriate at this time. Having said that, we met as a team and evaluated the state of our current ministries and made a 6 to 12 month plan for the direction we will be heading from here, deciding where we will focus our biggest efforts. With several “stages” of

ministry behind us such as culture shock, language learning, networking, and furlough, Beau and I feel the freedom to begin focusing on our main purpose here: youth. Our vision is a *youth center* that would be an incredible resource to allow us to reach these kids. The storefront next door to our church is available and in a slow economy, the asking price has been reduced by quite a bit. We believe one hundred thousand euros would allow us to purchase and outfit the building. Along these lines, we are certainly also feeling the effects of the current decisions and actions of the U.S. government as **the dollar to euro exchange rate is perpetually worse**. On a positive note, Lionel and Carol have already been able to raise about **\$17,000** toward this project and the mission office has made some funds available as a **“no-interest loan”** through the project offering. Please pray and ask God what part you could have in this ministry. We are excited to see what God has in mind in the near future! We sent our youth *back to school with a bang* as they watched what happens to watermelons under the pressure of many rubber bands. Our prayer and challenge for them is to stay faithful and holy under the many outside pressures they will face. At this activity we hosted 15 teens, 7 of which are unsaved and 3 of which were first-time visitors. Please pray specifically for 3 boys that attended summer camp this year: Duarte, Mohammed and Jaló.



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