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BACK TO SCHOOL

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Our big girl started kindergarten this year at an English speaking, international school. Since schooling children is one of the biggest challenges missionaries face, we are very blessed to have this opportunity available to us. Valerie is teaching high school choir and piano lessons there this year.

English classes are back in session. This is the 4th year we have offered English classes to the community and this is the first year we have had three levels going at once. We have made many contacts through this and are praying especially for Sergio and Sandra to come to know Christ through this ministry. We have eaten meals in each other's homes, Beau ran a 10k with them last year, and Avery was invited to their son's birthday party.

Our church has diligently been praying to receive "tax exempt" status as we purchase the storefront next door for use as a youth center. Many made a commitment to pray every day through the month of September and some even came to the church to do so. We made this request in January and as of this month, they have not even begun analyzing it. It is sitting on someone's desk. The purchase contract we have expires October 31st. So far the owner seems to be patient. He recently commented, "That's how it is in this country. You just have to wait." Our prayer is that we will receive this paperwork this month, OR our second best scenario would be that they would allow us to extend the purchase contract while we are still waiting for the paper. Please join us in prayer over this matter! Now would be an ideal time to bring the money from the States since the euro has dropped 10 cents in the past few months. This will make a big difference in our budget as we look to finish the inside of the building with flooring, fixtures, and furniture.



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