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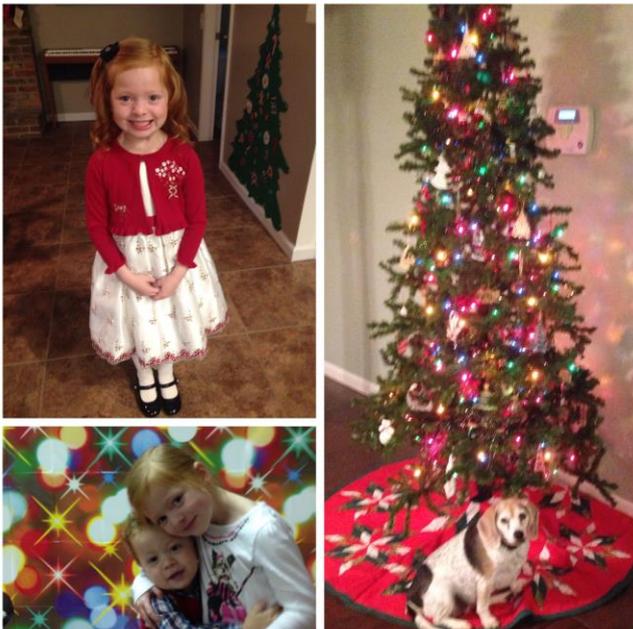
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Yes, this prayer letter was “due” in December, but as for most people, this time of year is a bit busy for us. As it would turn out, this December-January have been QUITE busy for us.

In our last letter, we requested prayer and help with funds for a VISA renewal trip. Thank you to the churches who provided those funds to make this necessary trip happen. We renew these visas every 2 years, and most missionaries can confirm that the laws and processes change between nearly every visit. While Beau should have been able to apply for a permanent visa this time, it will now be necessary to wait until the next time because of more changes made to the process. However, this renewal was very necessary because it merely extended his tenured visa, whereas, if this one had lapsed, he would have had to start the 6 year process all over again. Our prayer is that we will be eligible for citizenship at our next application date and will not have to “fuss” with visas anymore.



Beau returned from Portugal just in time for Christmas and a string of visitors – we are blessed.



We were blessed to be able to have a “get away” to celebrate 10 years of marriage on January 7. Grandma and Grandpa stayed with the kids and everyone was on cloud 9 all the way around ☺.

Our sending church interviewed and called a new pastor during this holiday season as well. Their first Sunday is coming right up and we are thrilled for their arrival and vision for our church. What a blessing to be able to be here during the pulpit committee/interview process, as well as fill in where needed during the interim. We now feel free to travel to our supporting churches and encourage them in missions as we share what God has been teaching us. We have all but 2 services booked between now and our departure date. Valerie and the kids will travel some, as they are able.

Which leads us to our next “busy” blessing. We are expecting our third longed-for and prayed-for child. His/her due date is right when we were planning on leaving for the field so please pray that 1. God will give us **clear direction** whether we should leave sooner and have the baby there or should stay a little longer to have the baby here. 2. For health/protection during this pregnancy. Valerie has been quite sick at times but is starting to feel a little better as she enters the second trimester. Traveling together on furlough, as well as being apart when not traveling together, tends to wear everyone out. So please pray for strength and endurance during these next few months.

We pray that God will richly bless you and your service to Him in 2016. We are anxious to see some of the things going on in your church as we visit. If we were unable to schedule a visit, but you would like to update us on your ministry, we would love to hear from you at beau2portugal@gmail.com. We have also made our new video available on our website if you'd like to check that out. www.moores2portugal.com/videos.html

We hope you have had a great start to a great year!

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