
THE LOOP FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

July-August 2018

Dear praying friends,

We are well into the summer months here in Portugal, and the weather has not been as hot as usual. At this time last year, Portugal suffered perhaps its worst year of forest fires due to an unusually dry summer. There has been more rain this year which has kept the temperature at bay for which we are thankful.

July was a busy month at our church. It began with Pastor's Day where the church showed their appreciation for David. The children did a great job with their presentation. We are encouraged to see the people show their love for their pastor which is a strong indication of how they will support and pray for the future national pastor.

The church people look forward to our picnic every year in July. One of the highlights of the picnic is the grilled sardines which are about 6-8 inches long. Around 30 sardines were grilled this year. If you haven't had grilled sardines before, you are really missing out on something delicious! We always invite a neighboring church of like precious faith to join us. There is definitely no shortage of food and the fellowship is always enjoyed.

During the last week of July, David was able to spend a few days at summer camp in the interior part of the country. Though the number of campers was lower this year than previous years, there was a good spirit among the young people. The western theme for the week was entitled "Wanted By God" with the emphasis on salvation and the need to follow God's will for our lives. One young person accepted the Lord as Savior and others renewed their walk with God. It's a blessing and a privilege to invest in the lives of young people especially since they are bombarded daily by the influence of the world and friends.

At the end of February one of our relatives sent us a package in the mail. Two weeks later we received a letter from Customs requesting a document regarding the contents of the package. David filled out the required document and sent it back within the allotted time of 30 days. Weeks and months passed. After exchanging many emails and making phone calls, Customs decided to return the package to the United States after holding it for over four months. Many people here are having the same problem with Customs. We would suggest that any further packages not be sent through the normal mail service. We are looking into other companies to receive packages from the United States. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Your missionaries to Portugal,
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