
THE LOOP FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

September-October 2018

Dear praying friends,

After cooler temperatures at the beginning of the summer, eight locations in Portugal have now experienced record breaking temperatures amid a heat wave across Europe. This hot weather has placed the country at high risk of wildfires and UV exposure. One city, 99 miles northeast of Lisbon, reached 113° F coming close to Portugal's highest-ever record of 116° F set in 2003. In our town, Aveiro, we have seen temperatures reach as high as 98° F. We are looking forward to the cooler fall weather.

At the end of August, Maribel, a lady who lives near the church, began to attend our services. She approached David with a question about baptism. One Tuesday afternoon, she met with David to talk about her salvation and possible baptism. At this first meeting, it became clear that she was not sure about her salvation. The following Tuesday afternoon, David spoke to her more about being sure of her salvation before being baptized. After talking for an hour, Maribel felt the need to pray and ask God to save her. David has been discipling her every Tuesday afternoon. We have already seen some spiritual growth. Her eagerness to learn is obvious during church services. Please pray for her to continue to grow spiritually. She has already taken the first step to quit smoking. We are thankful that God has saved one more soul here in Portugal.

Please continue to pray for Alexandra who accepted the Lord a few months ago. She began the discipleship course, but has had difficulty finding time to continue. She approached David recently mentioning that she is ready to resume the course.

At the beginning of August, the church began collecting a special offering for the camp where we send our young people each summer to help with improvements that are needed in the bathrooms. We are grateful for what people have given so far. The last Sunday in September was our end date for the offering. Please pray for the camp ministry that many lives would be challenged and changed for the glory of God.

David's parents and an aunt were able to come for a two week visit in September. It was the first time for his aunt to leave the United States or even fly on a plane. All three thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is always nice to get a visit from family and friends.

Please be in prayer for our daughter Jocelyn. She has begun her junior year in college which is generally a challenging year academically. We are very proud of the tremendous job she has done so far.

Your missionaries to Portugal,
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