
THE LOOP FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

July-August 2019

Dear praying friends,

Although summer usually means vacation for many, the ministry never slows down. In June, instead of having a family conference, we decided this year to have a Bible conference. The emphasis was on how we received the inspired, preserved Word of God and which version should be used in Portuguese. The three Portuguese pastors that we invited did a fantastic job with their topics, highlighting the inspiration and preservation of the Scriptures. We were happy when one of the men in the church realized that he was using the wrong version and requested one of the Bibles that we use. Comments were made that we should have had more services on this topic. Although there was a low attendance, we are looking forward to the next Bible conference.

The first Sunday of July the church celebrated Pastor's Day. The children sang a song and then presented David with a banner that they had colored and signed. Daniel, a new church member, led the whole service until David gave the message. We continue to pray for a national pastor who will maintain sound doctrine and lead the church in the ways of the Lord.

Every summer our church hosts an annual picnic in July and invites another sister church located about 50 minutes north of us. We always enjoy getting together with them. This year we also invited the church of the missionary who worked with us for two years. His family and the family who has been attending their services joined us. Although the weather was a bit chilly in the beginning, the sun eventually came out giving us warmer weather. As always, we had grilled sardines and two tables filled with a variety of food including fantastic desserts. We thank the Lord for the time that we can spend together with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our daughter Jocelyn has been working a lot with the children this summer. During the last five weeks, she taught them a series about heroes of the Bible. Last Sunday they put on a small presentation dressing up like the heroes they studied.

Within the last few months, we have had two couples join the church. They seem to enjoy being in church and have a desire to serve. It's always a blessing to have families that look forward to each service.

Please pray for Jocelyn as she will be returning to college in the middle of August to finish her last year. Please pray that the Lord will give her clear direction of His will after she graduates.

Your missionaries to Portugal,
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