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# THE LOOP FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

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November-December 2019

Dear praying friends,

October was an exciting month as the church held a bridal shower for one of our young ladies. They had a small wedding in our church two weeks later. Kelvin and Ana are a young couple in our church that want to help in any way that they can. Please pray for Ana's family who is predominately Catholic. It has been a real challenge for Ana since she gave her life to Christ. We appreciate this young couple and pray that they will seek to honor God in this new chapter in their lives.

In the beginning of November, Julie and I traveled to the interior part of the country to participate in a conference at the First Baptist Church in Castelo Branco. The conference was to challenge and help Christian workers here in Portugal. The following week, we traveled back to the same church where Julie was the guest speaker at a Ladies' Tea. It is always a joy to fellowship with other churches of like precious faith.

Recently the van that we used to transport people to and from church has needed regular repairs to keep it running. So after eleven years, we came to the conclusion that it was time to sell the van. We were praying that it would be sold to an honest buyer, and God answered our prayers. One of our missionary friends here in the country heard that we were selling the van and was interested in purchasing it for one of his ministries in southern Portugal. He and his wife came by train this past week and traveled back with the van thrilled to be able to use it to take people to and from church. We are thankful that the van will continue to be used in the ministry. We ask that you would pray with us as we consider purchasing another van when we return from our furlough in 2020.

We want to thank those who have already contacted us about giving an update at their church during our furlough from May to August of next year. If you would like to have us visit your church and share with you what God has been doing here in Portugal, please contact us through our email address below.

As we approach the holidays Julie and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Christ-centered Christmas. We thank the Lord for each and every one of you and for your faithful prayers and support. We pray that God will richly bless you during the year 2020.

Portugal fact: "Portugal is ranked as the second highest country in the European Union for children spending time in day care."

Your missionaries to Portugal,

*David and Julie Loop*

September \_\_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_\_

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