
THE LOOP FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

September-October 2020

Dear praying friends,

It is great to be back in Portugal. *We want to thank you all for your prayers for our trip.* We took the required Covid-19 test on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Our results came back negative the following Saturday. This was too early to meet the travel requirements for Germany and Portugal. So, we took another test Monday, Aug. 31. These results came back Wednesday morning. With results in our hands, we left for the airport in Newark on Sept. 3. Before we could check-in, we had to show our Portuguese residence card. The lady made a phone call to Portugal and then asked if we had our Covid test results since Portugal would be strict about the test. We checked-in and went to wait for our first flight to Frankfurt, Germany, where we were asked to show our passports and residence cards. When we landed in Portugal, we were only asked if we had brought any electronic devices from the U.S.! So, either Portugal was not as strict as we were told or since we flew into Portugal from another European country, we were not asked about the Covid test. *Praise the Lord that we arrived safely and with all of our luggage!* We are convinced that it was because of all of the prayers on our behalf that our trip went so smoothly.

Our first Sunday back was a real blessing. It was so nice to see the people again. They surprised us with a lunch after the service. We appreciate all the kindness and love that our people show us.

While a few of our people are taking extra precautions and do not feel comfortable coming to church, the majority of the people have been attending. We are beginning Sunday school again the first Sunday of October. The children's class will be using a new curriculum with a detective theme. Julie is thankful for the help of the ladies with the teaching and decorating. We have been trying to get the kids excited about class since they have not had Sunday school since the middle of March.

We ask that you would continue to pray with us that God would give us wisdom as we deal with the current Covid situation in the church. There have been new cases here bringing the total cases to 74,717 as of Sept. 29. Of these cases 48,193 of them have recovered with 1,963 cases resulting in death. The country is worried because since grade schools and college classes have resumed new cases have occurred. Although we take the recommended precautions, we know that God is in control which brings peace instead of fear.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers.

Your missionaries to Portugal,
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