
THE LOOP FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

November-December 2020

Dear praying friends,

Since our last prayer letter there has been a surge of new cases of the virus here in Portugal just as there has been around the world. This has led the Portuguese government to declare a state of emergency which has brought new restrictions that are strictly enforced. For the past two weekends no one is able to be out of their homes after 1 PM unless you have a justified reason. To make sure everyone is home before this hour, we have been careful to finish our Sunday morning service earlier to allow sufficient travel time. Even with these restrictions in place, we have been having a good number of people attending the services. Of course, we would love to have everyone back together in our building but our space is limited due to the state of emergency requirements. For those who are not able to attend in person, we continue to livestream our services on the church's Facebook page. We have only had one young man in our church test positive and he had not recently been in contact with people from the church. We thank the Lord that his symptoms were minimal and the only lasting effect is a loss of taste and smell. The doctors told him that it may take a month for that to return. *We want to thank you for your prayers. Julie and I continue to be in good health.*

David has started a discipleship class with a young teenager in the church. It is exciting to be using new material that we were able to get from the States. David has been working on translating it into Portuguese as he teaches it. The lessons teach doctrine which will be a solid foundation for new believers. Please pray for this teenager as he takes the class that there would be spiritual growth and that his walk with the Lord would be strengthened and established.

We are working on the details for our Christmas service which will be somewhat limited due to the restrictions. We will still seek to magnify the One whose birth has given hope for all mankind. Our theme is from John 1:46, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip's response was "Come and see." Our desire is to invite people to come and see that something good has come out of Nazareth - our Savior Jesus Christ. Through Him there is hope. We can share this hope with others pointing them to the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we wish you all a Merry Christmas with Jesus Christ at the center.

Your missionaries to Portugal,
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