

Dear friends! Greetings from Portugal.

***"I thank my God every time I remember you"***

Philippians 1:3

By God's grace we were able to complete another year of training here in Portugal. In July, 25 students ended another year of seminary using ZOOM. Over 30 students studied with us each week in the Metanoia class –also through ZOOM.

Last month we had the joy of baptizing 8 people while adding others to church membership.

August is a quiet month since throughout Europe many families take vacations. We are going to enjoy a week of vacation too because God has given us a week in the Dominican Republic where we will be accompanied by the pastors of our church in Lisbon, Santiago and Laysse. We are so happy for the opportunity to visit other believers there.

**Reasons for praise:**

- \* Our entire team has already been vaccinated, and although some had terrible reactions, now we are all fine.
- \* The ministry has grown, even with many difficulties caused by the pandemic.
- \* Among those who attend our churches, the unemployment rate is very low.
- \* Online prayer meetings began 17 months ago, and weekly attendance has grown to more than 70 people.
- \* God has protected our health.

**Reasons for Prayer:**

- \* That those who are weak in the faith will be strengthened.
  
- \* Giovanna is the Souza family's youngest daughter. She and her mother are coming to Portugal this week to have a biopsy on Giovanna's legs where she has two large lumps that did not shrink after exhausting all the resources in São Tomé. For the past three years this family has been serving there sent by the Portugal FMC.

We love you all and praise God for your lives.