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Back in Portugal

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Serving Jesus by Serving Missionaries, International Families, and the
Portuguese People



Thankful for Furlough...

It has been an eventful year! It was full of lessons learned, faith being tested and strengthened and deepened. It was filled with encouragement, healing, and

hope. Thank you all for your prayers for us and your continued support of our ministry in Portugal.

One of the lessons I learned (and am still learning) was the importance of following Christ's teachings and manner of life by way of "Spiritual Disciplines". They don't make me right with God, or change my standing before Him, but what they do is bring me into the presence of God where I can be transformed into the image of Christ. There is also a promise of rest in them. Jesus said in Matthew 11:29, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." By dedicating time for study, for prayer, to simplify, to fast, and to confess, I have seen growth and blossoming of the Holy Spirit's fruit in my heart and in my life. Please pray for us that we will continue to shine like Christ in this dark world.

...and Thankful to be Back!

It's been a little over a month now being back in Portugal. Our visas have been renewed successfully. We were able to see this year's GLCA graduation. We are plugged back into the church we were members of before furlough. Most of our suitcases and storage are squared away. We even went through and re-evaluated much of what we had, seeing what we really needed after being away from it for a year. We were able to clean out so much that our storage space actually increased, even after bringing things back from North America. Our Portuguese seems to be doing better than we expected, but there is still much room for improvement.

Summer Plans

I will be taking a class in teaching Computer Science, as well as reviewing all the Math curriculum for junior high and high school, updating what we teach with what is now expected from colleges and universities in America. Our purpose statement at GLCA is "The Greater Lisbon Christian Academy exists to assist missionary parents by providing for their children a college-preparatory education in an atmosphere that demonstrates and encourages Christian character and growth in preparation for a life of ministry." In updating our teaching standards, we aim for our students to be ready, if they choose, to return

to the US for higher education.

Krista is back on the worship team at church, and we are hoping to be showing hospitality in our home more and more. Our older boys will be going to summer camp while Ezra will lovingly still be keeping our hands full.



Summer Camp for the Boys

We are looking forward for our boys to be campers at a couple of the Christian camps this summer. Please pray for their character, friendships, and Portuguese to grow this summer!

Interested in Teaching Overseas?

Our student population has grown to capacity, and we are in need of short-term and career teachers for the 2019-2020 school years and beyond. We are also looking to find the next administrator of GLCA.



If you are interested, please check out the links below. If you know someone who may be interested, feel free to forward this message.

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