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Some busy months have flown by with some very precious memories.

Smith's Furlough – Dan and Rachael started their furlough in November and have been enjoying some family time, as well as the visits in the churches.



We certainly miss them here, but the Lord is bringing forth several church members to

help in all areas of the work.

Youth Meetings - Elioenai Reyes is a Cuban young man that is doing Seminary studies, working fulltime and helping much in the church. He has continued to organize the youth meetings, along with our **granddaughter, Annette's**, help. Four churches, three from Lisbon and ours, have been sharing in this. We see both encouragement among the youth, as well as the enemy's attacks, in the lives of these young people.

IBP Services - We enjoyed our "Thanksgiving" celebration in the church with a potluck after the Sunday morning service. Of the fifty some that attended the service about 40 stayed for the dinner and shared testimonies of the Lord's goodness in their lives. To see the believers trust the Lord amid so many struggles is such a blessing. Documents to remain in Portugal, housing, transportation, a health system that barely functions, etc. are daily challenges for many of our people, but they are genuinely praising God for his faithfulness each day.



The Christmas (Natal) celebrations were fun and a great opportunity to share the Gospel again. I continue to preach from Matthew on Sundays that so faithfully presents the person and work of the Redeemer of Israel, our Lord Jesus. The Lord continues to bring visitors, some invited and others that heard about the church. It is wonderful to see the Lord bringing both the lost and those who have already been taught to some measure the truth about Christ.

New Year's Eve was a special blessing with messages from four of the brethren, songs from the different nations represented (5) and just some wonderful fellowship. The love shown week after week among these believers is so precious as they continue to grow in Christ.

A Family Blessing – The Lord has been so good to Norma and I. He gave us four of the best kids you could ask Him for, and they have in turn raised twelve grandchildren, that so far, are honoring the Lord with their lives. WOW! What more can we ask for? One of those granddaughters is **Ashley, who married Justin**, and they gave us our third great grandchild, **Grayson**.



We got to have them in our home for a few days. Justin and Ashley serve as missionary teachers at a Christian school in Madrid, Spain.

Serving the Lord is a wonderful life both for our families, as well as for the churches. The Lord is so faithful in every way. He is so patient and gracious with us. We pray that the rest of our days will bring Him praise and that others will bow their hearts to Him.

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