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Praise!

–For our second car!

-We had new visitors at church!

-That we have great supporting churches!

Prayer Request:

– That we will stay healthy and not get worse.

-That we as a church would find the right building.

-That we would be found faithful in everything we do.

-That we would see people come to Christ.

Up till Christmas:

We have had a wonderful holiday season, from Thanksgiving to Christmas and through New Years! While it has been a busy time and an exhausting time, it has also been a very exciting time. As we had mentioned earlier, our car had to be towed to a shop for some repairs. It stayed at that shop for four weeks and was towed two more times in the process. Sometimes you just want the mechanic to come out and say, you should take your car somewhere else because I have no idea what's wrong with it. So eventually we were able to get an appointment at a Ford dealership about an hour north of us. Yes, it was more expensive there but they figured out the problem in one day and were able to order parts for it. After almost 7 weeks total we had our car back and it is drivable! However, the transmission still needs to be either replaced or rebuilt as it is missing fourth gear.

During that time we had a conference we were supposed to go to in the south of Portugal where every year during the week of Thanksgiving the Spain and Portugal team get together. I had the privilege of being one of the speakers, yet without a car it would be difficult to get the six of us down there. Thankfully our amazing home church in Florida rented us a vehicle for that week so we were able to attend!

Praise the Lord we had some churches and others who gave towards the purchase of a second car and in December we were able to purchase it!

The Church:

As we have mentioned in past letters we have been in the process of raising funds for a church building here in our area. The membership has been giving above their normal tithes towards this as well as some churches in the States donating to help us. We found a building that seemed so perfect to us, but sadly the owner of the building decided to sell it to someone who wanted to open a business. While we were very heartbroken about this we know that God has something better for us, even though we have no idea how it could be better or cheaper than this one. However, God is faithful and this is such a small thing for Him. We often get distracted when changes in our plans come about that we forget that this was not a change of plans on God's end, it was simply His plan. Our job in these times it to simply trust in Him. He knows better than we do and funny enough He knows more about real-estate than we do. We do ask you that you would pray with us about the future of the church here since we are above max capacity.

If you would like to give towards this project we would be so grateful and would love to hear from you.

The Corona:

This past Monday I (Adam) was planning on going to a yearly pastors conference in Almancil, Portugal (about 2 1/2 hours south) along with other pastor/missionaries in Western Europe. As my colleague and I left Monday evening we stopped for dinner about 30 minutes from where the conference was being held. During that time he received a text that one of his kids just tested positive for covid and about an hour later I received the same text about one of our kids. Needless to say, even though we both had done covid tests that day and were negative, we thought it best not to go to the conference because everyone else was flying in and needed a negative test to fly out on Thursday. Yesterday my colleague tested again and it came back positive. My family and I also were tested on Saturday and everyone except Natalia came back positive.

We are thankful that we have mild symptoms. Please pray that they will not get any worse and that we will get over this soon. The process now is that we are supposed to stay in isolation for the next seven days, then all take test again to see if they come back negative. God is faithful!

We are so thankful for you and your prayers, love and support! We pray for you often and thank God for you everyday. Below are some pictures from our New Years Day tradition of driving to the beach!