

Spring 2010

## *Greetings from Powder Springs!*

Frances and I are still on Home Ministry Assignment (HMA), and I am having the privilege of visiting our supporters throughout the Southeast. It has been an encouragement to be with those I have had the opportunity to visit, and I hope to be able to visit others before our return to the field this coming fall. If I haven't visited your church, and you would like for me to, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I would love to come by and share with you as well.

The work in Portugal continues in our absence. The churches have been facing various difficulties, but are pressing on. The Brazilian pastor of the Carnaxide church is leaving and another Brazilian pastor has been called to serve that congregation. In the north, Paços de Ferreira, the Brazilian pastor returned to Brazil and the Presbytery is still looking for a replacement to serve that congregation. One man they are talking to is a Portuguese pastor who, when he was younger, served as an assistant at the Carnaxide church. He left that church and took a call to an independent Baptist church, because he didn't believe infant baptism to be Biblical. More recently it was discovered that he now sees the Presbyterian position as a Biblical one and would be willing to work with us. So the Presbytery is in talks with him and making an effort to check him out a little more before proceeding.

The Telheiras and the Barreiro churches are doing well under Portuguese leadership, but the Campo de Ourique church is struggling in the absence of a pastor. As you can see there is a desperate need for more capable and godly Portuguese teaching and ruling elders. In Luke 10:2b Jesus gives us a command: "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Again in John 15:10 He says "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, ..." If we can do nothing else, we can pray! Thank you for joining us as we cry out to the Lord for laborers for His harvest field in Portugal.

Some time ago I made an urgent request for prayer for a meeting that was taking place in Portugal. This meeting started a series of events that are not yet concluded. The Lord has been leading and we look to Him to fully resolve the problems that are being addressed. May He continue to work out His purposes for His glory and the good of His Church in that land.

It is our desire and prayer that we may be able to return to Portugal as early as possible this fall. For that to happen we are looking to the Lord to raise the additional support we need. In this financial crisis many churches are seeing their budgets cut, but as you know, our God is not limited by our circumstances. We would also ask that you lift this need before our faithful Provider.

## PRAYER LIST

### **Praise the Lord:**

- for being with His people in Portugal, and caring for them in this time of need.
- for Joel's improved health and his encouragement.
- for the work Rev. Will Traub has been able to do in helping Nuno get prepared for ministry.
- for the pastor, Rev. Marcos Más, who has been called to serve the church in Carnaxide.

### **Pray the Lord:**

- will guide the Presbytery as they talk to a Portuguese pastor, Paulo Jorge, and determine whether he would be a good possibility for the Paços de Ferreira congregation.
- will send laborers into the harvest fields of Portugal. Pray for Portuguese pastors, elders, deacons, Sunday School teachers, and etc.
- will add to the number of those who He is saving in each location.
- will soon raise the support we need in order that we may return to the field as early as possible this fall.
- will help Nuno become the man he needs to be in terms of knowledge, wisdom, and godliness to be prepared to be the pastor of a local church.

Thank you again for your participation in this ministry to Portugal through your labor in earnest prayer!

Serving Christ with you,

*Glenn and Frances*

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