



Dear ones,

Please know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers. It is my wish that this News Letter will find you well and happy, and that the commemoration of Jesus birth will have been full of peace and love.

I arrived in Africa a couple of days ago. The trip, which is always a long one to save money, was without major incidents except the usual tiredness. To travel as a canned sardine increases the jet lag. However, it seems the body is starting to quickly get into the African groove once again.

After seven months in Portugal, I find the little apartment where I live on the mission field, in need of a good clean up, dust and leaves tossed by the wind everywhere, the geckos which in this ecosystem take care of mosquitos and other insects, have left their poop as a souvenir. The usual.

This time I also had some difficulty starting the car. A new battery had to be bought since the old one was already five years old,... and still it wouldn't start because at the end the starter engine was stuck due to humidity. Last time I travelled, I was less than two months recuperating from a hip

fracture and wasn't able to cover it. The dust also took over. Anyway, all that happens when things are stored.

I'm still waiting for a sponsorship of two thousand Euros so, God willing, we can start building the fence for the pre-school. Last year's quotation was a total of four thousand euros. We are still short but we believe God will touch the hearts so people can continue to help, in Jesus Name!

In another thought I want to ask for prayer, that my body will be strong, mainly the back and legs, that I can do whatever is physically necessary, with wisdom not to go beyond what's reasonable, because the spirit indeed is always willing but the flesh is giving in. Pray for me and I'll pray for you!

And I won't bother you more, have to go wash the car and do some shopping for lunch. Best regards. That 2020 will bring you much love, peace and prosperity, those are my wishes!

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