

GIBSON NEWS

Portugal | Church Planting

Furlough:

We are flying out of Lisbon, Portugal on June 13th and will be staying in Canada for a few days, visiting family, before flying to Tampa on June 19th. On one hand we are excited about going on furlough. We are excited to see family, friends and to visit churches and share our ministry here. But on the other hand we are sad. We love living and ministering in Portugal and we are so excited about this new church plant we are involved in, and do not want to leave it or our teammates. However, we know that our furlough is necessary and praying for our support to increase quickly so we can return and continue to do what God has called us to do!!!

We would love to hear from you or meet with you during our furlough!



New News:

The past two months have possibly been the busiest we have had since moving to Portugal! Planning furlough is a new event for us and we have found it to be quiet the task. On top of that, during the month of May, we had several visitors a week stop by to check out the apartment because it was for sale. Due to our place being sold we were not able to keep our things there, and since we are going to be in the states for 6 months we decided to not rent a new place until we return. So we had to pack up our things and move them into a garage close to where we will be living when we return. We are currently living at our colleagues place while they are in the states for the month. Natalia and Annaelise have moved a few times in the past and they are ok with not having a permanent place to call home. Giselle on the other hand has been taking it hard. She continually asks to go back home and is not taking the big changes very well.



Prayer and Praise:

Prayers:

- We pray for the salvation of those in our english club that we were in charge of.
- All the packing and traveling related to furlough.
- For our colleagues returning to Portugal a few days after we leave.
- New church plant. Wisdom and strength in the early days of this new plant. We know satan wants us to fail.

Praise:

- ✦ Our things are packed away for furlough...mostly!
- ✦ New friends!
- ✦ All of the government documents for the church are done!
- ✦ We have a vehicle that was graciously provided for us for our furlough!

New Friends:

How exciting is it to meet other believers from all over the world! The two guys below are from Nepal. Daniel (blue jacket) has been bringing his son for the past few weeks and last week he was able to bring his cousin, James. This picture was taken after we went out for coffee. While there, they shared with me the deep desire they have to reach the Nepalese back in Nepal as well as the large group that live in Lisbon! It was so encouraging to hear their stories of how they are related but never met till they came to Portugal. I was jumping on the inside as they were telling me how they have been encouraged to meet us and be part of our new church plant! How exciting is it to know that as we minister to these guys, they are in turn ministering to their friends and family in Lisbon as well as Nepal! At the end of our conversation they invited me to go with them to Nepal so that I could preach in their village and surrounding villages. How awesome is that! We are not only able to reach the Portuguese but many other nationalities as well! Glory to God alone!

