



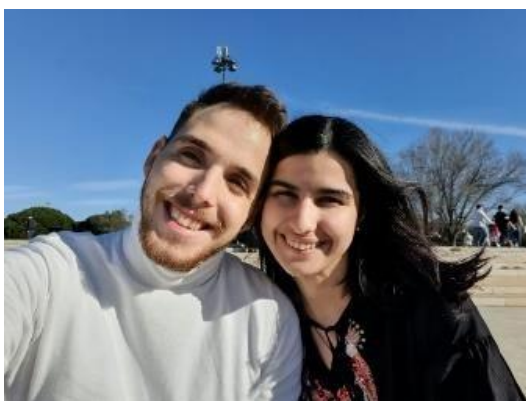
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### **Matters for thanksgiving:**

It is always a joy to speak and write about encouragements. As mentioned in the previous prayer letter, we had a church meetings to welcome eight people into membership, we also agreed to the baptism of another two people next month. Some of those people started coming to us during the COVID period.

After summer holidays we are getting back into our normal routine with ladies' meetings and youth and children's work. We have good attendance in the Sunday School and expect a good number for the two Saturday meetings every month for children and teenagers.



No less encouraging is to have Bruno Pires full time with the church. The local church together with the European Mission Fellowship have agreed to support Bruno in full time Christian ministry. For the first two years, he will work under the leadership of the church Elders.

Having Bruno gives us more help to progress church activities and with our evangelistic outreach and church planting groups. Some promising contacts have been made. There is sad news concerning Bruno's mother who died on the 18th of this month after suffering from lung cancer.

### **Matters for prayer:**

- Give thanks for the new church members.
- Give thanks for the encouragements with the work in general and the young people in particular.
- Pray for those that are considering baptism.
- Give thanks for Bruno's support for full-time gospel work.
- Pray also for Bruno and his grandmother and other close relatives at this time of grief.
- Pray for the ongoing meetings concerning evangelism and church planting.
- Pray for wisdom for the church leadership, as they focus on teaching, evangelism and church planting.

Yours in Christ Jesus José & Gisela



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