

THE BANNER



NEWSLETTER FROM THE BOUMAS - CAREER MISSIONARIES WITH ABWE CANADA TO PORTUGAL

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Attending services celebrating a baptism, a church anniversary, and friendship Sunday.
2. Housing upgrades including kitchen renovations and an AC/heating unit in the living room.
3. A refreshing conference with missionaries from Spain & Portugal.
4. Successful completion of our first term of language school and great report cards for Drew and Caleb.
5. A 2-day visit from Michele's dad.

- A Note from Drew -

I did the Portuguese greeting [cheek press and kiss the air on both sides of the face] with my Sunday School teacher today. She started it, and I didn't want to be rude. She gave out candy for answering questions, too. At least I got the "Yes" and "No" ones right!

MINHA ESPERANÇA: PORTUGAL

This is an outreach campaign planned for Dec. 8-10 in which hundreds of Portuguese Christians and missionaries will invite non-believers into their homes. A nationally broadcasted television program based on personal testimonies given by Portuguese Christians will be viewed in each home. The hosts will also share how Jesus Christ is their hope and provide personalized follow up.

PLEASE PRAY:

- that contract problems with a TV station will be resolved quickly
- that those invited into a home will attend and will clearly understand the presentation
- that many would see their need of God's forgiveness and establish a personal relationship with Him, making Him their hope (esperança)

Want to check it out? Go to:

<http://www.minhaesperanca.org/novo/index.php>

CONFERENCE IN THE ALGARVE:

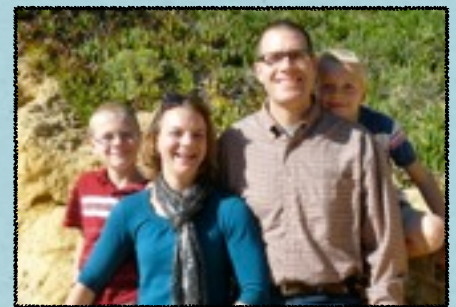


The Algarve is the southern region of Portugal, a popular holiday destination. During low season, it provides an inexpensive location for our annual conference. 72 attended this year including guest speaker, Dan Green.



One of the conference traditions is an MKs v. Dads soccer game. Caleb, Minne, and Drew had a great time!

Final score: 1-1



A highlight of the conference was celebrating American Thanksgiving with our colleagues. It's a blessing to be a multicultural family that gets two turkey dinners! Happy Thanksgiving!



Missions Conference at Miratejo

We were honoured to be invited to attend the closing service of the ABWE church's missions conference. The special speaker was from Spain; his message was translated into Portuguese. (Were we ever confused!) The service included a Skype call to missionaries that the church supports in Argentina. Our boys attended children's church (their first fully in Portuguese) then returned for a candle ceremony during the last hymn. What an encouragement to witness!

Pictured above at the Miratejo church: Laurie Flietstra, Craig & Megan Beatty, Pastor Evandro Baptista, and us

WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING OUR SUPPORT TEAM?

We've been notified that financial gifts to our account will decrease by \$200/mos. in Jan. 2012. Please pray for churches and individuals that could donate in reoccurring or one-time gifts. Perhaps you are able to give towards a portion of this deficit; please contact us or the ABWE office listed below.

We are confident in a God who provides!

US donations contact: ABWE P.O. Box 8585 Harrisburg, PA 17105

(717) 774-7000 www.abwe.org

Canadian donations: ABWE Canada (see contact information below)

NEW COMMON PHRASES:

1. "Is the fire on?"

(about the water heater)

2. "Anda cá!"

(telling the dog to come)

3. "Are you still practising grupos?"

(grupos are oral monologues in Portuguese - 18 down; 62 to go)

4. "Can you close the estores?"

(estores are the exterior blinds on a pulley system)

5. "Pão de chocolate, please."

(Caleb's favourite pastry)

6. "Sim, sim, sim."

(Yes, which seems to be repeated in groups of three for emphasis!)

7. "No fudgeballs!"

(Our joking way of saying the phrase "Não faz mal" which is equivalent to "No problem.")

8. "Obrigado."

(Thank you.) Said to all of you for your interest, prayers & support.

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