



Missionary Letters

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Ministry Update - ABWE Portugal
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Six Weeks Ministry

Our summer camps and sports weeks have finished. We had a good summer of ministry. This ministry positively impacts our church in two major areas. The first area is evangelism. We made a number of new contacts this summer. These contacts will be followed up as we start fall ministries in September.

Another area of impact is in leadership training. We use this ministry as a training opportunity for many of our teenagers. They participate in the planning, promotion and operation of the sports weeks. Some of the teens also help at the camps. Through this ministry we can train and evaluate our youth. We can also prepare them for other ministries in the church. Thank you so much for your prayers this summer.

Ramada Baptist Church

As is normal, we are now in our "summer slump". Most of Europe goes on vacation in August. Those not on vacation take weekend trips and outings to the beach. In light of this trend, we stop most weekly ministries. We use this time to evaluate our past ministries and decide what to start again in the fall. Please join with us in prayer as we talk and plan for the fall.

This past Sunday, our church made a major decision. After several years of suffering through a leaky roof we have decided to replace our roof. We received several bids and with professional consultation decided to move ahead with the project. During the first two weeks of September, the roof of our church will be totally replaced and remodeled to prevent the previous problems. The cost of the project is around \$15,000. This is a major undertaking for our church plant. We have challenged ourselves to raise \$8,000 before January 1 in special offerings and projects. We already have \$900 in this fund. Ask God to give us wisdom, patience and growth through this project.

Leadership Training

On Tuesday nights during October and November, Ken will be teaching through the book of 1 Corinthians. This course is a graduate level course and is very demanding for the teacher and the students. Pray with us as Ken prepares and develops the coursework.

Internships

This year we are supervising two ministry internships. One is a pastoral internship with Tiago Bugalho. Tiago studied for three years at the Word of Life Institute in Argentina. This Portuguese young man is interning with us until February. He has been progressing nicely and will be preaching each week in September. He is also heavily involved in the direction of our fall youth ministries.

A second internship will be a church planting internship. This fall we are expecting Jeff and Megan Kliewer, from Memorial Baptist Church, in Columbus, Ohio, to arrive and work with us for nine months. They will be working in the areas of music, teaching English as a foreign language, and youth.

Please join us in prayer as our church participates with these internships. The process is good for our church plant and for the interns.

Before we launch into our fall ministries we are planning a two week vacation in southern Portugal (Algarve). We will be off-line from August 22 through September 5.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry.

Your Servants in Portugal,
Ken, Amy, Brian, Hannah, Rafael and Estefanía.

We have updated our website. Visit the link below if you would like to see pictures from our camps.
<http://kenlowe.wordpress.com/current-ministries/>

THANKS

August, 2010

Dear Grace Church,

Health Scare Kathy went to work in the finance office as normal, but by 10:30 she was in a lot of pain and it seemed to be getting more intense and centralized in her chest. I called the mission clinic, and was advised to bring her straight in for them to check her. After an EKG, blood test, chest x-ray, blood pressure check, etc., the Dr. thought she was suffering from the effects of chronic acid reflux. She was given two types of medication and sent home again. By 2:30, she was back in her office again.

Unexpected Blessings We'd like to thank you for praying for the recent leaders/teachers seminar. Jim taught 8 times and another brother, Gordon, taught as well. Jim's theme was on how to teach others effectively. There were 100 participants ranging from fairly new believers to veteran pastors. It was so encouraging to see how eager they were to be taught.

Big Decision Our proposal to work less in an office and to work more directly with the churches and church leaders our next term will be discussed and a decision made when the field committee meets in September. Pray for God's direction.

Printing Project As you know, we've been working on the translation of New Testament Bible lessons. The translation portion and formatting part of the project is now complete, but printing still needs to be done. Please read about it at http://www.ntm.org/give/give_project_details.php?project_id=128

One More I only have one more teaching session scheduled and it is in October in the Yagaria tribe. They asked me to do an Old Testament survey, and I completed the first half earlier in the year. Hopefully, I will be able to complete the last half in October.

Reaching Out The Yagarian believers have been challenged by the Scriptures to their responsibility to reach out to others. As a result they milled some lumber, dried it, sent it to the coast and had it shipped to the capital, Port Moresby. When it arrived, they sent carpenters down who completed building the two houses in which their missionaries would live. Now, they have sent the first family down, to get to know the people with whom they will minister. They have also been invited to share the Word in other parts of the country.

Thank you for your gift of \$375 sent to us in July.

In His love,

Jim & Kathy Tanner