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## Fwd: Wrapping up our first furlough... looking forward to new opportunities...

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Dear Praying friends,

**Our time of ministry stateside is winding down.**

We have purchased tickets to return to Cape Verde for December 1st. Over the past few weeks we have been coordinating from a distance the closing of our utilities, turning over of our apartment and the moving of our things to the island of São Vicente where we will be settling in upon our return. God has blessed us with some good friends in Cape Verde to help with all these things. Pray with us that the right apartment or house will be available for us upon our arrival.

**Praise the Lord for our safety.**

During our six months in the states we will have



One of my projects this summer has been getting together some kindle e-readers for some of the pastors back in Cape Verde. It is often difficult to come across good books and materials to put in people's hands. Of course, not everything is available in Portuguese, but if

had about 40 scheduled meetings at different churches, including about 8 “new to us” churches. We are thankful for the safety along the many miles we have traveled, and we are overwhelmed by the kindness of God’s people at every turn.

### **The Lord has taught us much during our time in the states.**

Some of this was planned things, like the “Good Soil” training we attended out in Pennsylvania in September or our Enrichment Week at BIMl. The greatest lessons God has taught us this summer were totally unplanned...

Several of you already know that after we were stateside for about a month, on Father’s day morning, a young man in our sending church died from a “self-inflicted gunshot wound”. Garrett was my cousin’s son, he was our ring-bearer in our wedding, and back in 2017 he spent two months in Cape Verde with our family. He was recently married and training for ministry. There were many factors leading up to his death...it is something that we will never fully understand. I can honestly say that the greatest thing God has taught us throughout this summer is something we already knew, but we have observed and learned it on a deeper level - That God’s grace is sufficient. Everyone around this summer will attest that we have never seen the grace of God so evident in lives as we have seen it in Garrett’s family this summer.

### **Looking forward**

It has been said, “What comes to your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you.” I am a firm believer that God in His omnipotent wisdom orchestrates the circumstances of our lives in such a way that He prepares us for

you have any ideas or suggestions for books to load on these devices, I will gladly try to chase them down in Portuguese. It is my intention to provide access to helpful resources for men in ministry. Pray that God would use these tools to mold and encourage His servants.

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Our trip with  
Garrett in 2017...

our next steps. The Lord has taught us much over the past several years, and He has done so that we may serve Him in a way that brings Him the glory due to His name. I hope and pray that you can look back and see God's wisdom and His sufficient grace throughout your life! What a Savior, and what a Friend is Jesus!

### **Our Savior is worthy!**

The Fritz Family

Nathan, Tina, Andrew, Lydia, Ruth, Grace and Anna

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