



the Fritz Family

missionaries to Cabo Verde



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Dear praying friends,

As always we want to express our gratitude for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry. God has faithfully provided for our needs and he has used you to accomplish this.

In our last prayer letter, we mentioned that we were stepping away from Templo Baptista. The Lord in His graciousness has allowed us the opportunity to “plug in” to another church: Igreja Evangelica Baptista in Mindelo. This church is the oldest Baptist church in the country - it was started in the 1950s. About two years ago, Pastor Eudo and his family came from where they had ministered for almost 20 years on the island of São Nicolau to begin the process of rebuilding the congregation, as some difficulties with a former pastor and a few years without a pastor (and Covid too) took their toll on the ministry. Pastor Eudo, his family and the congregation of IEB have become very dear friends.

We have in essence been “just” church members for the past two months, as we pray about the next steps that God has for us. Being immersed in a national church has been constantly stretching our language proficiency as well as our cultural understanding. Our children have greatly enjoyed and benefited from being around all the kids at church.

The church just put on a Vacation Bible school and it was a huge success. In the preliminary meetings, they said they were expecting about 50 kids, and the comment was made “maybe we will have 150...” It turns out the average attendance was 150 for the entire week. As it was the first VBS they have had for a few years there were a few learning experiences for improvements next year. It was an exhausting but great week.

Pray for the follow-up with the various young people as well as with their families over the next several weeks. The vision and desire is to start a few “missions” in a few of the neighborhoods where we had big groups come to Bible school. The church currently operates a “mission” in Maderial - a small community a few miles outside the city. Right now this mission is a meeting every other Saturday in a community building in their village. Pray that the Lord would use this mission as well as others that are in the process of being started to make a lasting impact on these communities.

We are praying much about our future, whether working in close proximity with IEB or more independently, we know that the friendships that we have begun to forge in this new situation will be beneficial to our longevity and fruitfulness on the field. Please pray with us that God would give us clarity in the steps that He would have us to take. God has brought us to this place at this time, and we continue to trust Him to lead our next steps.

He is worthy!
Nathan and Tina Fritz and family

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We finally got our residency cards about 16 months after submitting paperwork... pray that we can get our children's cards too!



Grace had a little “run in” with a brick wall while playing with friends... a trip to the clinic and four stitches later she is just fine... Thank God!



Bible School!

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