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Fwd: Fritz family update - February 2024

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Dear praying friends,

It is already February, and past time that we send out an update! We thank you for your prayers and support, and for the many notes, cards and gifts over the Christmas season. We are humbled at the sacrifices that have been made by so many to support God's work and our family as we seek to serve Him in Cabo Verde.

February brings Carnival celebrations in São Vicente. Mindelo is a city that loves this type of "cultural" expression. Already, the streets are blocked off and preparations are being made. Every Sunday afternoon the streets are occupied by the growing crowds of grease-painted



The whole crew at Christmas.



“Mandingas” and their drums, whistles, etc. If you are familiar with the concept of Carnaval (Mardi Gras in the US) you know the many things that go along with this type of carnal celebration that are contrary to the truths of God’s Word. May God have mercy!

Visit from the states

Lord willing, by the time you receive this letter, Nathan’s parents will have arrived for a two week visit... everyone is a little excited... We are very happy for the opportunity to spend time with them, and give them some insight into our lives here. Pray for them as they travel, and that all the flights go smoothly... last week we had several days of thick dust that cancelled a lot of flights.

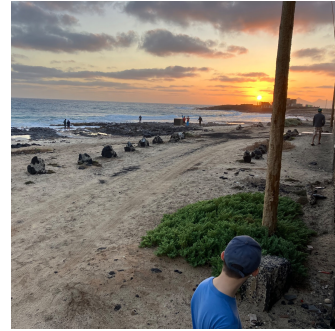
English Club

I remember the sigh of relief that I breathed walking out of my last English class in college...perhaps some of you can relate... now, about 20 years later, we have been asked almost weekly to give English lessons or classes to people. English proficiency opens the doors for many more opportunities in education and business. A friend in the church suggested the idea of beginning an English Club, and after some consideration, we feel that it is an opportunity worth pursuing. As a ministry of our local church, we hope to provide a place where people can feel comfortable to practice their English that they are learning in the local universities. We are mainly targeting university students and young adults. Beginning in March, we will meet on Saturday afternoons for a few hours in a classroom at the church building. Pray with us that this opportunity will be fruitful in developing friendships and creating inroads to share Gospel truth.

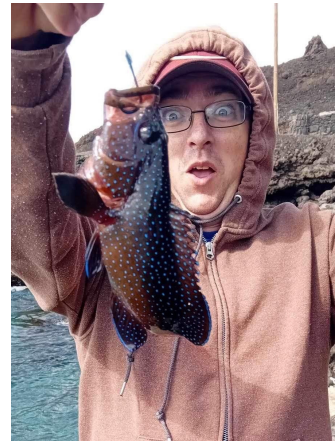
Praying for direction on a church plant

Our favorite six-year-old.

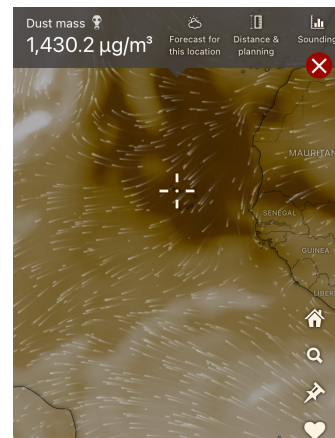
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We had a fishing trip with some of the men a few weeks ago...it was a fun time of fellowship.



I had to demonstrate the proper way to make a little fish look big... I think I nailed it, Ha!



We had a particularly bad dust cloud come through a few weeks ago.

Another thing on the horizon that we have begun discussing and praying about is the possibility of a church plant in our city. We don't have concrete plans yet, but are discussing possibilities and strategies amongst the leaders in our church. I wanted to mention this just as a matter of prayer, as we make plans in this direction. Hopefully, by our next letter we will have some more definitive plans to share, but for now we ask for your prayers to this end.

Our constant need of wisdom

I think that it is generally understood that a missionary cannot share everything in a public prayer letter. I suppose you can understand the many personal interactions and sensitive conversations that cannot be broadcast to the whole world. I say all that to say: pray that the Lord continues to give wisdom in the situations we are walking through with some dear folks here. We are confident that God is working all things together for His glory, and we must look to Him in every circumstance.

He is Worthy!

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