



P Franklin <pf101069@gmail.com>

Fwd: Prayer update for April 2024

1 message

David Murphy <dmurphyfbc@gmail.com>
To: Paul Franklin <pf101069@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 2:50 PM

Dave Murphy, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Geneseo, IL 61254
Church #: 309-944-3735
www.firstbaptistgeneseo.com

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **The Fritz family in Cabo Verde** <nathanfritz84@43235009.mailchimpapp.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 2:03 PM
Subject: Prayer update for April 2024
To: <dmurphyfbc@gmail.com>



April 2024

Dear Praying friends,

A few weeks ago Tina and I were reminiscing that it has been six years since we arrived on the field. We both began a list of the many things that God has taught us over this time... perhaps someday we will share at least parts of our lists. We are thankful for all our supporting churches that have faithfully sacrificed for us to be here. I know that many of you reading this letter have also gone through some very trying times... I suppose God has taught us all a little bit in the last six years.



Tina and I haven't aged at all since we arrived, but possibly you can see some differences in our children...

We are so thankful that God has given us the opportunity to work out of a “national” church in Mindelo. We are thrilled to participate in the ministries of this church. I cannot adequately explain the blessing it is to have a pastor and a church family here on the field. We have learned so much about the culture, and it has been an all-around positive stretching/growing experience for our entire family. We hope by God’s grace to encourage and strengthen what is already here, as well as see new works go forward.

We began an English club several weeks ago. Up until now, it has mostly been church folks that have attended, I think part of this is because we are meeting at the church building, which may cause some shyness from outsiders. Maybe we need to rethink this. Also, we have yet to really present this in the universities. Pray with us that we would be able to get some inroads with some of the universities in our city. We don’t really know all the opportunities that could develop from this, but we are praying that we can use this tool as best as possible. Pray that God gives us wisdom in how to use this opportunity.

Tina has begun teaching an introduction to music theory class with interested church folks. It seems that everyone here is extremely talented with music, while reading actual music is almost totally foreign to them. Everything is by ear and memorization. We are hoping to open up a new world of possibilities with their music ministry by teaching at least some basics of reading music.

Every Saturday, I have the opportunity to go to a drug/alcohol rehab community with our pastor. Like many places in the world, Cabo Verde has an

[Click here for a printable PDF](#)



Not really a great picture - but this is a snapshot of English Club.



The first night of Music theory class...

ever-growing drug/alcohol problem. Most weeks, I am just the smiling observer, but at times I teach the study. Please pray for this study. Generally people are in this government-run facility for a six-month period. Lately there is a little over 20 residents in our study with new folks coming in and others being released.

Mindelo is a city of about 80,000 people. The city has many zones that are not always exactly defined well. Several of these zones have no evangelical (let alone Baptist) church. One of the new zones on the edge of the city is "Vila Monte." Since moving there about a year ago, a family in the church has been praying about the possibility of planting a church in that community. They are beginning to make steps toward a "mission" there which will prayerfully over time grow into an independent church. It is thrilling to see this mentality already engrained in many of the church folks. We are praying about what God would have us to do in encouraging this work in Vila Monte, as well as what God would have us to personally do about the other zones in the city that need a Gospel witness.

He is worthy!

Nathan, Tina and family

nathanfritz84@gmail.com

Field Address:
Nathan Fritz
Caixa Postal 225 Mindelo
São Vicente
República de Cabo Verde

Sending Church:
First Baptist Church
24 North Mason
Amboy, IL 61310
fbcamboy.com · (815) 857-2682

Baptist International Missions, Inc.
P.O. Box 9
Harrison, TN 37341
(423) 344-5050
missionary number #1529