



the Fritz Family

missionaries to Cabo Verde



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Dear Praying Friends,

I have been reminded and challenged lately with the simple fact that much of the work that God is doing in the hearts and lives of people is not always evident or measurable by human metrics... and rarely does it happen how we planned. It is easy to become discouraged when we don't see God working the way that we feel He should, but we know that He is at work and we can trust Him to fulfill His purposes. How foolish we are to think that we know as much as God. May we serve Him with joyful, humble submission!

In our last letter I outlined a short list of things that we had planned for the next few months. Just a few days after sending our letter, our island was hit by a record breaking storm, and life here for everyone took a drastic turn. During the early morning hours of August 11th we received 8 inches of rain in about 4 hours time. To put this in perspective, that is about two years worth of our average rainfall. The rain caused catastrophic damage all around the island as many stores, homes, and roads were destroyed. The storm downed power lines, knocked out the water desalination plant - our only source of fresh water on the island, and totally overwhelmed the sewer system. Tragically, at least 9 deaths were attributed to the storm.

The rebuilding and clean up will continue for many months, hopefully with a little more foresight and more thorough planning for the future.

Thankfully, after about two weeks the water system was back up and running, at least for the most part, and all the main roads are at least passable. The sewer system is still a big mess, and several areas of the city still have open sewage running in the street. We are bracing ourselves for all the sicknesses that are brought about by the poor sanitation, as well as all the mosquito-borne illnesses that are projected to be extra bad.

Because of the storm, it was decided to cancel plans for Bible School, and focus more energy on helping in the community. The national church was able to distribute lots of food baskets and clothing to some of the most at risk families with the help of several generous donors in the States, Canada and Portugal.

We are thankful for all the concern and love showed during this time.

Though we had to cancel VBS, the local church was able to throw together a quick two-night retreat with the teenagers... It certainly wasn't how we had imagined it, but It was a special time with the theme "Unshakable - firm in Christ." Pray for these young lives as they are at this crucial stage of life. That they would build their lives on Christ and thus be "unshakable."

All our paperwork is submitted and waiting for approval by the minister of health for the **medical group** coming from Texas the end of October. Pray for official approval of this project and for the plans to fall in place. Many government offices have been overwhelmed during all of these events.

Our **visas** are also in process, hopefully we hear back about these soon. Thanks again for your faithful prayers!

He is Worthy!
- The Fritz Family



Tina and Andrew organized a summer reading program with the youth of the church... those that completed the challenge were awarded with a certificate for pizza and soda at a local restaurant... We are working on expanding our little library for the youth with quality reading material to encourage and cultivate literacy.

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