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lunch with Torgeir Dahl

Dear friends,

the last two months have been filled with wonderful visits, precious fellowship, and major milestones.

March

At the end of March, we had the joy of welcoming our friend and bible school teacher Torgeir Dahl from the church Livets Ord in Sweden. He stayed with us in our home for a few days to spend time together in prayer and worship.

These days were a great encouragement to us. Torgeir spent almost the entire days praying for us, and we had many deep and meaningful conversations.

It was especially moving that God gave him very special words for this house.

One Bible verse in particular stood out strongly to him for this house – Isaiah 56:7:

„All these I will bring to My holy mountain And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; **For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.**”

Out of this impression, we started a prayer meeting together. Since his visit, we have continued this gathering every Wednesday as a family.

April

In April, we were then able to welcome Johanna's family for the very first time. Her father and sister spent a few days with us in our home and were able to get to know our village and our new living environment. This especially helped Johanna feel even more at home and strengthened in this new season.



May

Lastly, we would like to share about a major milestone that took place during the past days.

Around Christmas time, we decided to invest more intentionally into building a church service here in the village.

At the beginning of May, we were able to welcome a team of six Bible school students from Livets Ord. The team (see front page): Samuel from Norway; Benjamin, Elias, and Rebecca from Sweden; Kevin from Taiwan; and Justyna from Poland.

Together, we began every day with prayer and worship in our home. On small outreach walks, we spoke with people about Jesus and invited them to our church service.

One especially beautiful moment was the visit to Malia's school. The students played with the children, made them laugh, and one of them explained to the children how simple it is to talk with God and pray. This was especially beautiful for Malia to experience.



With the help of a befriended couple, we were able to host two church services in our home. Both times, visitors from the village came. The couple also helped us with Portuguese translation and even brought us lunch one day.

It was especially touching that the students even learned worship songs in Portuguese so they could worship God together with the people here. In addition, during the services, one person each time shared a personal testimony from their life with God.



Besides all the ministry activities, we also enjoyed precious fellowship together – during game nights, a barbecue evening, and a movie night.

Another special moment was that we were able to buy 15 chairs (see picture) for the second church service, making it much more comfortable for the visitors. For us, this was a real milestone.

We also noticed that the villagers who attended the services were mainly people with whom we had already built relationships and spent time with before. Once again, this reminded us how important relationships are here in the village and that the work here is already bearing fruit.

The most beautiful part for us as a family, however, was how much time the students spent with our children. They played with them, made them laugh every single day, and quickly became an important part of our daily life. Our children did not want the students to leave again.

We are very thankful for this special time and for the partnership with Livets Ord.



Monthly support

To finance the work sustainably in the long term and to secure Patrick's position, we rely on regular monthly donations.

We would need approximately €500 more per month to cover all our costs.

For example, we need:

- 20 monthly partners at €25 per month each
- 15 monthly partners at €35 per month each
- 9 monthly partners at €55 per month each
- 7 monthly partners at €75 per month each
- 5 monthly partners at €100 per month each
- 4 monthly partners at €125 per month each

With this support, Patrick's salary would continue to be reliably covered – and we could invest even more of our energy into Casa Calma and additional projects.

Thank you so much for considering becoming part of this monthly support!

