



NEWS LETTER

Mission
Familie Rager

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Olá, bem-vindo!

Welcome to our News from Portugal.



We are writing you from sunny and cold Portugal. Until now we had very warm spring temperatures, but it got cooler the last couple of days.

Four months in the South of Portugal have gone by.

We are really excited to:

- give you some **insights into our daily life** here
- describe our **vision**
- tell you **testimonies**

daily life in the village



WHERE WE ARE NOW

First of all we want to **describe where we are living now**. On our camper van route through Spain and Portugal in Spring 2023 we found this beautiful old but renovated house with character. It is situated in a **small and traditional Portuguese village**, called Casais, in the Monchique mountains of the Algarve.

Since there are only **about 100 people living here**, we already got to meet a lot of the residents. When we arrived in the middle of August we met people mainly at the public swimming pool of the village. **A great blessing to us** is a German speaking family with two small kids who is living just a few houses away from us.

Our daily life here is marked by the **incredible nature** that is surrounding the village. We almost daily admire the sunrise, sunset, oceanview, the heavenly scent of the blooming citrus trees and enjoy taking walks to our neighbours' donkey.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

The first months were mainly about the **start of Malias homeschooling** and some **renovations at the house**. We had to find furniture since the house was completely empty. Another big renovation project was getting rid of a wall between the kitchen and the dining room, making a new floor in the new big open kitchen and ordering new kitchen cabinets at Ikea.

We also **connected with people** and **found a wonderful church** that feels like home to us. It is situated in a city called Portimão. There are plans to work and build together with them. And we started **regular online meetings** with our teacher and mentor from bible school. We feel very blessed to have support from Livets Ord and our homechurch in Austria.

To our great joy we also **got to host family and friends here** in our house for the first time.

our vision



From now on our house is called 'Casa da vida'.

It is **a place from which life emanates**. A place where the word of God is proclaimed and people find living life and therefore come to freedom.

We want to specifically implement these areas:

Mission

We heard the word 'Freedom' in our hearts again and again. We want to proclaim the Word of God and equip people.

Helping hand

Through social projects we want to serve people practically in their lives and bring hope.

Mission-teams

We would like to enable teams and Bible school students to join us in serving the people here and bringing them the Good News.

Homegroups

Many people are involved in New Age and magic. Through community and time in the Word, liberation becomes possible. People should find connections through these groups. Families are particularly important to us.

Further projects for 2025:

- **Renovation of the ground floor apartment** with kitchen and area for creative work
- **Installing a wood stove in our kitchen** because the winter nights are very cold
- **hosting teams and Bibleschool-students** from Livets Ord Sweden/Austria
- **Collaboration with the church in Portimão** and setting up a **home group** in our house



testimonies

- **PROVISION**

When we could not find an affordable car for the first two weeks our neighbour and new friend borrowed us his second car for as long as we needed it.

Our other neighbours borrowed us a fridge for weeks when our new kitchen unexpectedly took a very long time to be delivered.

- **GOOD NEWS + HEALING**

Everywhere we go people hear the gospel. They are very open and want to hear more. Evryone we asked wanted to receive prayer. One man got healed from pain he had for months in his arm.

- **CHURCH**

We found a church that preaches the word and lifts the name of Jesus high; we were so warmly welcomed, had lunch with one of the pastors, Malia found friends and she loves to be there.

- **COMMUNITY**

In the afternoon Johanna and the kids are able to spend a lot of time with the other German speaking family. She already hosted a Mum-meeting at our house. These meetings will be held regularly.

SUPPORT



Do you want to be part of it?

PRAYER

It would mean a lot to us if you took time to pray for us daily!

Concerns for the next few weeks:

- open hearts
- Spiritual warfare and protection for us as a family
- provision
- Strength and wisdom for homeschooling

GIVING

We are looking for people to support us financially on a monthly or one-off basis.

Do you want to give €20 / €50 / €100 or more per month?

We believe that it is a precious seed through which we can live the calling that God has placed on our hearts and serve people.

THANK YOU for wanting to make a difference with us and for believing that God will reach people through us!

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*WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
May HIS peace surround your homes.*

LOVE, Johanna & Patrick & Malia & Elea