



Olá and welcome to *our February Newsletter*

*„My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.
My tongue will sing of your
word, for all your
commandments are right.“
Psalm 119:171-172 ESV*

Dear friends,
we would like to begin this
newsletter with a word from
Psalm 119.



This year, we have decided **to start each day with God's Word**—to open it, read it, and talk about it. It is so wonderful how God's Word guides our lives, and we want to **keep it alive in our daily routine**—in our conversations, in our hearts, and in our home.

It is especially important to us to set this example for our children: to reflect on God's Word every day, to read it together, and to talk about it. We also want to encourage you to integrate God's Word into your daily life—to open it, talk about it, and keep it in your mouth and heart.



Throwback to Christmas

We are excited to share a little **update** from Portugal with you in this newsletter!

This Christmas, we celebrated for the first time in our new home. It was a very special experience for us. We attended a small **Christmas service** at the Catholic church in our village, Casais.

Even though we didn't understand much, it was wonderful to meet our neighbors. They were very happy about our visit—and we could really feel that! One **neighbor** even gave us a sack full of oranges when we later passed by his house. Such a beautiful gesture of **community**!

Learning a new language

At the beginning of the new year, I, Johanna, started learning **Portuguese**—together with four other women. I'm really enjoying it, and I can feel how I'm understanding more and more when people in the village talk to me. **This helps us feel more and more at home here.**

Encouraging experiences in the Church

One highlight in January was our **first international service at the church in Portimão**. We were able to help lead the service, worship, and prayer. More than 50 people came—more than we expected! Worshiping in English was very special for us, and we got to meet new families who also speak English. It was an encouraging experience.



Visits and encounters

In January, we had our dear **friend Sara** from the Czech Republic visiting us. We attended Bible school together in Sweden. It was a great joy for us to spend time with her, and the children loved playing with her.

Last weekend, we had a visit from **Ville Männistö**, our teacher and mentor from the Livets Ord Bible School in Uppsala. To Malia's Elea's great delight, his two children traveled with him. Together, we served in the second international service of the Lagoinha church in Portimão, explored the Algarve coastline, and had meaningful conversations.

In March, a **trip to Austria** is coming up. We will be spending the entire month at home to spend time with family and visit churches. We will definitely be in Klagenfurt and Wels, where we also plan to attend the missions conference. **We are really looking forward to meeting some of you in person!**



A heartfelt Thank you

Finally, we want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts—for **your prayers, your financial support, and your encouraging feedback** on our last newsletter. It means so much to us to hear from you, and your messages and prayers are a great blessing to us.

We hope to see many of you in Austria in March and to stay in touch with you.

With warm greetings from Portugal,

Johanna & Patrick & Malia & Elea

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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