

EKKstra NEWS

... of the MBMSI Church Planting and Church Growth Ministry in Portugal ... by Otto and Marjorie Ekk

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Still on the road ... but now ready to step into that big plane to cross the ocean ...

Our time in North America is quickly slipping away. Now suitcases are sprawled open and the general questions come up, "How much more can we fit in?" and "Be sure to save room for the flour tortillas" etc. . . Yes, we try to pack all the necessary stuff and the "things we can't live without . . ." In the middle of all this, we still enjoy a "last" breakfast/ lunch / dinner outing with family and friends.

Our time in North America has been so rich!!! We were able to visit most of our supporters, and to visit the churches was such an awesome experience. True, there "could have been" more visits if only we had more time.

From and about our personal lives . . . For us as a family there were special moments such as the graduation of Darrin from Fresno Pacific University with a BA degree, and Jason with a Masters Degree, also from FPU on the same day.

Darrin and the family at his graduation in the morning, later that afternoon Alichia joined to celebrate Jason's M.A.



This marked the end of a 12 year relation between our family and FPU. What a blessing this school has been in the lives of our children (and daughter-in-law) and us parents! Thank you FPU!

There are many things that will remain etched in our minds such as our personal time with our children, and the short trips we spent with them on the Central

California Coast in the little hamlet of Cayucos. Then there were many outings reconnecting with friends. And our home for the past 6 months was so therapeutic, located in the country amid the peach and plum trees as well as growing corn. This farm house with its beautiful shade trees around it, even the hawk family in the highest branch (I think they were peregrine fal-

cons?) gave us joy in showing us more yet about God's great nature.

We would like to mention each church and group we met, but that would be a bit cumbersome. Suffice it to say that we were so blessed at each church, from the first in late January to the last one now the second week-end of June. It is so good to be reassured of your faithfulness and commitment to the cause of Jesus, be it here in North America or Lisbon, Portugal. Many of you told us that you pray for us and the work in Portugal on a regular basis. This humbles and encourages us, and reminds us again and again that mission grows because of God's faithful people praying and giving. Thank you again for the trust that you have deposited in us.

We now go back to Lisbon, enriched by having been with you and ready to again be fully engaged in the work that the Lord has for us there. We anticipate a full schedule as soon as we arrive. New co-workers will arrive the day after we arrive, and soon various summer teams will be with us. Team issues will also have to be looked at and we will take time, as a leadership team to plan for the up-coming year.

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Shalom,

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Two projects that are in financial need:

- 1- Project # C0533 (National Leadership Support).**
- 2- Project # C040 (Church Planting at Massamá).**

(Ekk Support Project # C048)

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For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. I Cor. 3:11