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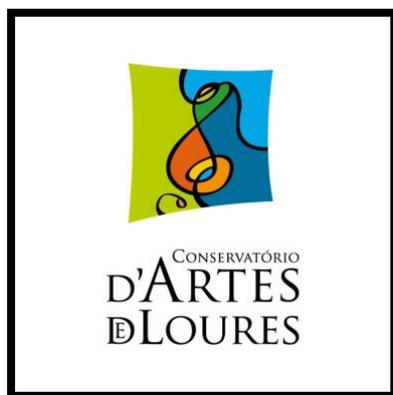
- ❖ Intended but haven't happen Bible Study with Vítor, Inês, João and Telma
- ❖ Translation: working on Genesis 41 and 42
- ❖ The Booths in United States for furlough until September
- ❖ The Voelkers in United States for mini-furlough
- ❖ The Olsons arriving next month to help for the summer
- ❖ Deaf Church this Sunday
- ❖ Growing in my walk with my Savior

Dear Partners,

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Having something unexpected happen make you wonder just what God might be up to. Last month, I was invited to teach a workshop on incorporating sign language with music. The number of attendees was expected to be around 20 kids.

Two days before the workshop, the number had reached 50, but then on the day of, the number exceeded 80 kids plus adults from seven different schools. We spent two hours together learning about Deaf Culture, some signs, and learning how to incorporate body, facial, and movement into a song that they are practicing. In June, when they have the end of the school year performances, each school will perform the song in



front of their family and friends. The kids, including adults, were so involved in the workshop, I wanted to stay longer and teach more. I have been praying for opportunities to be more involved in my community, and God has given me that. It had given me ideas on how to serve my community and churches. I'm praying and considering things that I haven't considered and ask that you join me in prayer on how I can teach others about a people group that they are unaware of in their midst.

This has led me to think more about how to bridge both worlds, the Hearing and the Deaf. With the Booths on furlough, and then the Voelkers leaving for their two months mini-furlough, I realized that I need to start training people in our ABWE churches about Deaf Ministry. My ABWE team have been encouraging each other about dreaming God-sized opportunities here. So that's what I've been doing lately. My dream is to see Hearing and Deaf Christian take up the mantle of the Deaf Ministry in Lisbon area and see another Deaf ministry started in Porto. With about 11,500 Deaf in Portugal, Lisbon and Porto have the two largest Deaf population.

How to pray for this God-sized dream?

- Pray for more salvation of Deaf souls.
- Pray for the deaf and hearing believers to answer the call of God to serve in reaching Deaf people.
- Pray for trainings to take place, such as classes and workshops in sign language, culture and evangelism.
- Pray for a complete videos series of our Bible translation of Genesis, Exodus and one of the Gospels.



About 80 kids plus adults from seven different schools were in attendance for the LGP/Music Workshop



During the first hour, I taught about the language and Deaf Culture. I'm teaching the letter "D".



My presentation team: (from left) Rachel, my English/Portuguese translator. Joyce, my sign language interpreter. We made a great team! So thankful for them!



The group learned how to applaud in Deaf-style. It was an awesome group!!!

I'm thankful for my ABWE and Deaf teams. Over the past few months, I've been thinking, planning and praying for God's wisdom for this second term of my ministry in Portugal. Slowly but surely, God is crystalizing His ministry for me. In God's perfect timing, I will move as He paves the way for me. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement in the ministry where God has planted me. May we bloom for His glory!

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