

# PORTUGAL November 2020

## Sharing the Hope to the Deaf



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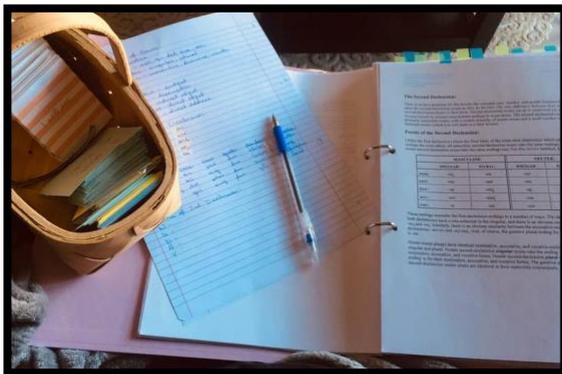
### PRAYERS

- ❖ Salvation for João, Telma, Carlos, Carly and others
- ❖ Translation of Mark
- ❖ Master's program: Greek final in two weeks
- ❖ More opportunities to meet with the Deaf and share the Gospel.
- ❖ Battle against COVID pandemic
- ❖ Religious sign language class starting in Jan

Happy Thanksgiving to you all,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving in spite of social distancing and restrictions. I pray that for all the turmoil, uncertainties, constant changes with the "new normal" and fear of COVID, God continues to reveal Himself to those who are seeking Him.

The past few months has been challenging so here's a few highlights and a few additional things that will be occurring shortly.



- ❖ **Master's Program:** This Fall has been challenging with my master's program. I finally reached the halfway point of my fifteen classes requirement to graduate with my Bible Translation degree. Each class is seven weeks with a full semester's worth of work. For example, this semester I had Greek. Normally, you would have Greek A for one semester and then Greek B for the

next semester. However, I was faced with both classes in one semester and I'm surprised that I still have hair. I'm thankful to God for helping me get through. I have my comprehensive final exam in two weeks. In January, I will be starting my next class: The Use and Distribution of Cross-Cultural Literature.

- ❖ **Deaf Church:** We have not met in-person for our monthly services since March. All of our services have been pre-recorded and posted on Facebook and YouTube biweekly. Our hearing church has provided interpreted services weekly online. Many Deaf have tuned in to watch and that has been exciting to see. Last month for the first time, we had our in-person deaf service with four Deaf attending. Unfortunately, with the added COVID restrictions, we had to return to pre-recording our services.
- ❖ **Bible Studies:** After various complications, Denise and I picked up our Bible studies again. Pray for her as I disciple her and that she will grow stronger in her relationship with Christ. This week, I will be starting a new Bible study with another deaf lady. Her name is



Carly. Pray that she will understand the stories I teach her and that she will come to understand her need for the Savior.



❖ Before the pandemic, I had taught a beginner's sign language class to believers in the hearing church. It was a blessing to teach them (picture on the left). Starting in January, through Zoom, I will be teaching religious sign language to those who already know *Lingua Gestual Portuguesa*. We have met many believers from other churches who want further training to be able to interpret in their churches. Pray for wisdom as I teach eight weeks with a new group of believers.

Again, thank you for praying for me and for the various aspects of God's work here in Portugal. May God encourage you and direct you in your life.

In Christ's Hope,

*Amanda Bloom*

**John 16:33**

**“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (NKJV)**

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