



Feliz Natal! Merry Christmas from Portugal!

What a joy this time of year brings- announcing the reason for this special holiday around the world. Our missionaries are busy with Christmas programs, special events and creative ways to reach their communities with the gospel. **Will you join us in praying that many people in Europe will seek the Savior and believe the message this Christmas season?**

Travels:

In October I was able to visit our missionaries in Ireland. It was great to meet them and begin building relationships. We are so blessed to have an incredible group of missionaries here in Western Europe! Some upcoming travels (Heather will be joining me in most of these):

- February - Italy Team
- March - Team Leaders Retreat in Spain
- March/April - France Team
- April - Germany Team

Please pray that we can be an encouragement to the missionaries on these trips!

Over Thanksgiving week, we traveled to southern Portugal to spend time with the Portugal and Spain missionary teams. This was their annual retreat and it was a blessing to be a part of it. These two countries have less than 1% evangelical believers. Relationship building & church planting happens very slowly. As older missionaries near retirement, there is a huge need for new missionaries to carry on and expand the work of reaching communities for Christ. **Will you pray with us for new missionaries for both Spain and Portugal?**

Family news: With every international move we make, comes the need to create some new Christmas traditions and find new “family” to celebrate with. The first Christmas anywhere new can be hard. But, God has gifted us with a great team and friends. The girls are excited to add hot chocolate into the celebration now that we live in a colder place! (For the first time no one wants to go swimming on Christmas!)

Thanks for praying for our girls through our transition to Portugal! They love their new school and are making friends. **Please continue to pray that they will be able to develop deep friendships.**

Serving Together,
The Farran Family



-Portugal/Spain team retreat in southern Portugal



-Enjoying the southern coast of Portugal