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Dear friend:

I am writing from Portugal. It is four o'clock in the morning here, though back in the American continent it's ten o'clock at night, which is my body-clock's time. It's been way too long since you've heard from us. We've been through the perfect storm, we have faced exceptional challenges, perhaps the greatest since we have become Christians, but we are still standing, facing the winds. I guess that bigger opportunities come with bigger spiritual challenges. But, we cannot be any more excited with what God is doing. The opportunities that we have before us to serve the global church are staggering.

Portugal: God's rich favor once again

Serving the Lord often feels like reliving the book of Acts. This trip, once again, is all about seeing God's amazing hand at work. We stepped out in faith last year to develop new contacts and start the INSTE training program in this country. I just gave the training seminar to two amazing groups in two new languages, something I have never done before (English and Portuguese). And it looks like there is a person out of those groups that might fit as national director for Portugal. You cannot imagine how difficult it is to find the right person for that job. But both of the groups that we gave the training seminar to are international players. The results of this trip will travel far into many other countries. I'm really excited.

Egypt and beyond

I have a trip to Egypt in the latter part of February, with ramifications far into the middle east and beyond. Please pray for that. It's with the largest church in the Middle East, who are already in INSTE and are quite excited, and the possibilities are amazing.

Honduras, the Iberoamerican executive team, the Logos church

I was able to travel to Honduras in January. I had not seen my wife since the beginning of November. We were able to bring in the INSTE Iberoamerican executive team for several days to plan and strategize our work for this year. There are a lot of challenges up ahead. On another front, we had set in a pastor for the Logos Church, the church we pioneered and pastored for 30 years, but that didn't work out. So I'm back to square one, and will be traveling every other month to Honduras this year, and as I am training another leader for the position of pastor. Please pray for this, it was unexpected.

Good news on my sweetie-pie

Ivonne's residence in the US has been approved. Now we have to do a bunch of paperwork and jump the hoops, but this is really good news. Please pray for us. There is so much to do on every front.

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