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Location: Porto, PORTUGAL

Mission: Church planting

## DECEMBER 2021/ JANUARY 2022



As we approach the end of 2021 and the expectation of entering a new year, it is often a time to reflect back on what God has done and look hopefully towards the future. 2021 has brought various challenges for us as a small church-plant as we, like many others, have weathered the storm of Covid-19 restrictions. Yet we give thanks for how the Lord has kept us and continued to work in the midst of us during this time. So often we can think that God is far removed from what is happening in our world, but the fact is that he is active in our lives, in our society and the world around us for his glory.

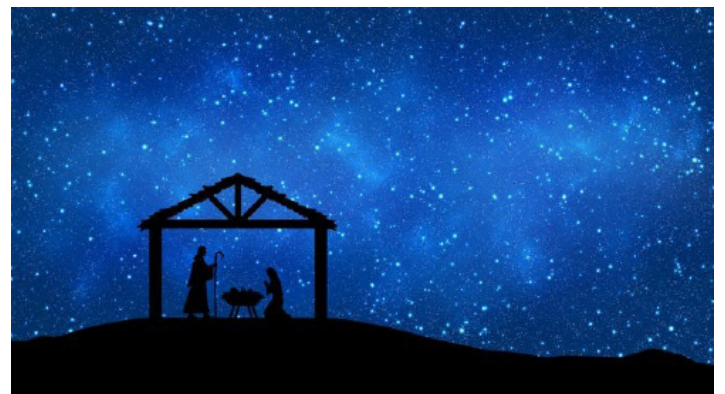
As we celebrate the season of advent, it is a season in which many are open to hearing about Jesus and his coming to earth all those years ago. So we would love if you would join with us in prayer that many would consider and respond to the message and promise of Immanuel and rejoice with us in the coming of the Saviour the world – the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the coming months, we hope to restart some of our small-group discipleship ministry in Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV). This is where people can join together to study God's Word informally in different houses around the greater Porto area, and also provides a space outside of Sunday mornings where people can come freely and openly with questions they may have about faith and explore more about biblical truth.

As a family, we are planning to return to Ireland for a period of home assignment and deputation. We will return in mid-December and, Lord willing, will be staying until February 2022. We are very much looking forward to catching up with many of you during this time as well

as sharing in some churches about what God is doing in Portugal. Please do remember us in prayer for journeying mercies.

Finally, as we draw another year to a close, we'd like to take this opportunity to humbly thank you for all your ongoing prayer support and giving through the united appeal toward our work in Portugal. We are truly blessed by your ongoing partnership and look forward with expectation for how God will continue to use all of us in the coming year.



### Prayer points

- Pray for God to continue to move and work in lives here in Portugal in the coming year and for a move of God's Spirit upon this land.
- Pray for this season of advent and also our small-group ministry that will hopefully start soon, that our members would be encouraged and challenged afresh to seek and invite others to discover more about Jesus.
- Pray for us as a family as we return for home assignment, for a time of rest, refreshment and blessing as we share with others about God's work in Porto.