

## Chris and Rachel Humphries

Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**



At the time of writing, Portugal is registering somewhere between 12,000 to 15,000 Covid-19 cases per day and like Northern Ireland, we have entered into a new period of lockdown. Schools are currently closed for two weeks, but it is expected that this will be prolonged until sometime in February. All other non-essential services are closed, and the government has urged people to stay at home. As a church, we have returned to online meetings. We record a Sunday service which can be streamed via our YouTube channel and website and we also hold weekly prayer meetings and micro discipleship groups via Zoom. Everything else is on hold for now as it has been since last Autumn.

As a church planting team, we normally take some time in December or January to plan for the forthcoming year. And we give thanks that we were able to meet together as three families (Cochranes, Humphries and our interns Leo and Lidi) before lockdown to discuss and pray over the year ahead. As we look ahead, there is much that we would love to do in terms of community, family and youth ministry, but much of this has been postponed to the latter half of the year due to the ongoing restrictions. We are excited for what lies ahead, and we continue to seek patience in this season of uncertainty and waiting.

As a family, we are all safe and well. We are continuing to do some language lessons via Skype as we progress in fluency and we give thanks for our progress thus far. With both our children at home now (Ezra - 4, Abbie - 2) we have also become part-time home school teachers which adds an extra dynamic as we balance ministry and family life.



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As the Apostle John writes in his third letter 'Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul' (3 John 1:2). This is very much our prayer for you, as we stand together making known the One in whom lasting hope and joy can be found in these uncertain times.



*Photo: Home Schooling*

### Prayer points

- Pray for our church community at this time, that as Christ's body we would continue to be salt and light where God has placed us and that we would be open and alert to the needs of those around us.
- Pray for the land of Portugal. The pandemic has brought with it many economic challenges, which puts financial and emotional strain upon many families and individuals here. Pray that God would meet them in their need, and they would look to him during these difficult days.