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Dear praying friends,

We hope this finds you in good health.

Here we are in 2021. A new year, with some new challenges and old ones too. But our trust remains in our beloved Jesus, who said to his disciples to take heart because He had overcome the world, and though we certainly have tribulation, He is our peace.

This was our last time together (for those who were here in Viana). On the 25th of December we went for a walk by the beach. It's was a sweet time and we treasure every moment we get to be together.

Right now we just entered a new lockdown that we don't know when it is going to end (we believe until Spring at least). Numbers are increasing so much, hospitals are on their limits and Viana is one of the worst areas in Portugal right now. So gatherings are not possible. We keep meeting on Zoom on Sundays, and it's always a blessed time of worship, prayer and learning too. **Please pray for those who are living alone and for whom this**



lockdown is even more difficult. Brasilina is one of them. Pray for wisdom for us as we support and love her. My mother Antónia still needs your prayers. Pray the Lord strengthens her by the power of His Holy Spirit.



Weekly meetings with our people also have to be done online. This is challenging, but we are thankful for technology and mostly for what the Lord is doing in peoples' lives in this season. **Please be praying for Mafalda, Vera, Rita, Graça, Verena, Ulises as they grow in the knowledge of the Lord and establish their identity in Him. Pray that they may walk in the good things God prepared for them to do!**

Rita and Vera accepted the invitation to be part of our leadership meetings (they will join once a month) to pray, plan and dream with us. This comes in a very important season for us as a church, as the Lord is establishing and structuring our identity as a community of Jesus' followers. **Please pray for our team, that we may walk together in unity, with humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. We want to keep hearing His voice, do things in His own way and in His own timing!**

In His strength,
Nuno, Gila, Leonor and Diogo