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OUR MISSION

Global Portuguese Outreach is a faith-based mission organization whose sole purpose is to evangelize and encourage, train and recruit national leaders of the Portuguese worldwide community to reach the Portuguese speaking people of the world for Jesus Christ.

OUR PASSION

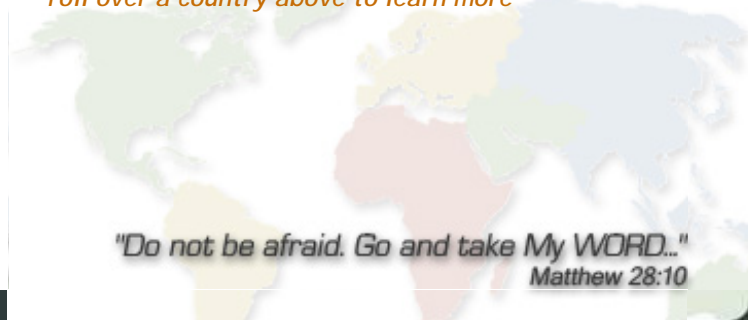
Our passion is to help build the church of Jesus Christ by reaching the 232 million Portuguese speaking people around the world.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to work alongside national pastors and missionaries in evangelism, discipleship and leadership training.



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ABOUT US



Larry and Cindi were raised in Brazil as missionary children. Larry's parents served with Word of Life in the southern city of Sao Paulo and Cindi's parents with ABWE in the jungle of the upper Amazon. They met at Hampden DuBose Academy in Zellwood, Florida, during their high school days. After attending Cedarville University they were

married in 1974.

Believing that God had called them to the Portuguese speaking world, in April of 1976 they met the **challenge** and went to Portugal to start the Word of Life ministry. After serving in Portugal for 23 years, in 1998, they returned to the United States to serve at the Word of Life International Headquarters.

In 2008 they launched yet another **challenge**, this new mission called ... **Global Portuguese Outreach Inc**, a ministry committed to taking the Word of God to the worldwide portuguese community. (GPO is a religious not for profit corporation with 501C3 status pending)

Their **passion** is the 232 million people scattered in **nine** nations whose official language is Portuguese and to the millions who reside in Paris, France, Johannesburg, South Africa and the well over 1,5 million here in the United States (greater Boston area; greater New York area; greater Miami area and greater San Francisco area).

Their **vision** is to work alongside national pastors and leaders in a cooperative ministry of evangelism, discipleship and leadership training.

They have two children. Luke 25, is a graduate of Liberty University and lives in Arlington Texas. Luke works for Brad Cecil & Associates, a company that aids non profits with fund raising.

Jessie Anna is 20 and a junior at Cedarville University. She majors in Athletic Training and thoroughly enjoys this phase of her life.

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Matthew 28:10

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CORE MINISTRIES

C ... Cooperating with national leaders

For 23 years in Portugal we worked alongside national pastors in evangelism and discipleship. Our hearts have been challenged to do all we can to aid and support these leaders as they faithfully fulfill their calling. The church in Africa and in Indonesia have struggled to grow as they for decades have had to face revolutions, civil wars, extreme poverty and Marxist governments. The spiritual needs are unbelievable.

4 YOUNG COUPLES IN MINISTRY TODAY



These young couples are all graduates of the Word of Life Bible Institute in Portugal and today are serving the Lord in Mozambique and in Portugal. Jorge and Alice (lower right hand corner) have already left Portugal for Mozambique. We look forward to challenging many other young couples to do the same as we set a strategy to impact each nation with the gospel resulting in new churches.

O ... Organizing ministries of impact

Global Portuguese Outreach will organize major evangelistic events in all of the major cities. Networking with the churches and para-church organizations we envision city wide crusades ... sports teams coming from the USA to get into local schools, universities and sports clubs ... music teams coming for street evangelism ... renting facilities for youth to provide them with a camping experience.

Not only will GPO be organizing events for evangelism but we are committed to discipling a new young generation to take the gospel to their own people. There is a tremendous lack of biblical training and we see ourselves helping get the deserving ones through Bible school in Portugal or Brasil.

These ministries of impact will also involve leadership training. GPO will be organizing pastors conferences and similar conferences which will provide leadership tools for evangelism, youth work, Sunday Schools etc... Many of our pastor friends have already offered to come and be a part of this outreach in Africa.

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R ... Remodeling church and para-church facilities

GPO wants to help the church with small projects by bringing work teams to help with touch up projects. Many of the churches also have orphanages due to the high level of illegitimacy, aids and child abandonment resulting from extreme poverty. GPO wants to help the churches meet some of the most basic needs of these children.

REMODELING FACILITIES

Like this auditorium that has been used of the Lord in so many wonderful ways. Literally thousands have heard the gospel and hundreds have been saved inside this building in Portugal and GPO sees itself coming alongside national pastors and ministries to help them upgrade their facilities.



E ... Evangelism

Global Portuguese Outreach clearly understands our mandate to take the gospel to the lost and needy. God has burdened our hearts with the Portuguese speaking worldwide community. We long to see these nations turn to Christ. We are committed to training a new generation of young leaders who will become the evangelists, pastors and leaders of the church. The words of Jesus in John 9:4 move us to action ... *"I (WE) must work the works of Him that sent me (US), while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."*

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PROJECTS

PERSONAL SUPPORT - Project # 1

Our first goal is to raise the support we will need for our new ministry. Would you pray about getting involved with us by supporting us on a monthly basis or perhaps by making each year a one time gift?

MONTHLY

- Salary = \$4,800
- Housing allowance = \$1,500
- Taxes/Fica = \$600
- Insurance = \$1,000
- Office = \$1,500
 - phone
 - web site
 - postage
 - printing
 - office equipment
 - Outsourced finances
 - Legal fees
 - Other (part time secretarial work, etc)

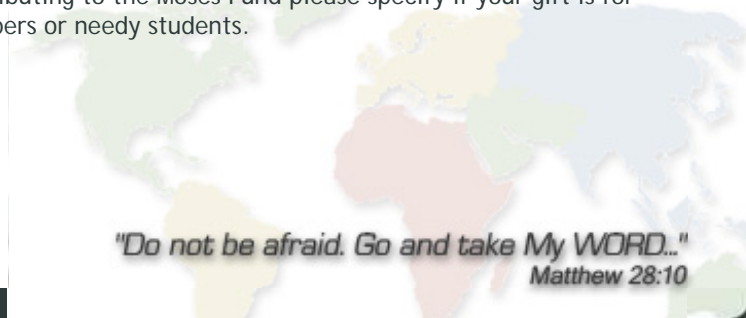
MOSES FUND - Project # 2 (In memory of Moises Martins)

Global Portuguese Outreach has opened a special account in memory of Moises Martins. The funds donated to this account will be used in two ways:

- 1- To help needy kids get to camp in one of the portuguese speaking countries.
- 2- To help potential students from the worldwide portuguese speaking community attend Bible school in preparation for future ministry in one of the 8 portuguese speaking countries.

When contributing to the Moses Fund please specify if your gift is for needy campers or needy students.

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DUARTE CASMARRINHA



Yesterday was also the birthday of Duarte. He was a young man that came to camp the first or second summer ... if not both. He graduated in the first class of the Word of Life Bible Institute in Portugal. I believe he also met his wife Betinha at camp. He worked on staff for several years ... left and after we returned to the US returned on staff for a few more years. Today he heads up the "Centro Biblico de Esmoriz" a Brethren Bible Conference Center in the north of Portugal.



Duarte is a gifted communicator of the Word of God. He is or better said, was, an extremely good athlete. Teenagers love him and we are so proud to see him going on in leadership in Portugal. Every Sunday he is speaking in churches and runs a full summer camping

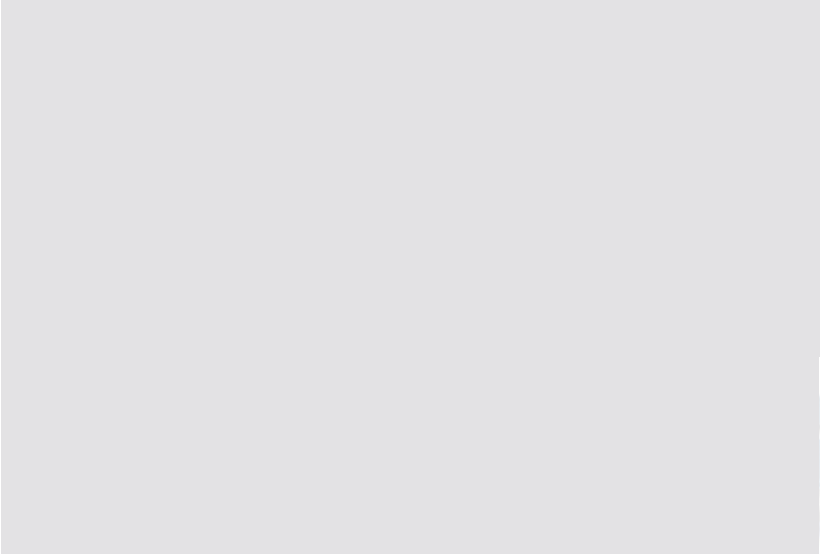
ministry at the conference center.

As we look at Portugal we see so many young couples in ministry today. How blessed we are to be able to see all that they are accomplishing for the glory of God. Our desire is to see many of these couples joining us in Africa.

When I think of Duarte and Betinha I think of this phrase:

Man's heart beats the happiest when it beats for others.

Happy Birthday Duarte ... desejamos que o Senhor Ihe de muitos anos de boa saude para poder continuar a servi-Lo.



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CORE VALUES

1. Living with a purpose
2. Touchable, approachable, reachable
3. Ministering as a team
4. Encouraging believers
5. Cooperation, not competition
6. Empowering others to serve the Lord
7. Dependency on prayers
8. Doing all things with financial integrity



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CORE BELIEFS

We believe in the inerrancy, infallibility and verbal plenary inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and accept them as absolute authority as the Word of God.

We believe in one God, the Creator of heaven and earth; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the virgin birth, sinless life, death, burial, bodily resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.

We believe the Scriptures teach that salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, and accomplished only through the mediatorial work of the Son of God.

We believe in the imminent, personal and bodily return of Jesus Christ to one day establish His Kingdom.

We believe the Scriptures teach the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust. Believers by faith in Christ will spend eternity in the presence of God, unbelievers in everlasting punishment.

We believe the Scriptures teach that every believer with the aid of the Holy Spirit should walk in Christian love and holiness.



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ONE OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Leanne Pearson's Birthday - April 10th



My senior year in high school I made a friendship with a classmate that 38 years later would continue to be one of my favorite people in the whole world. What makes this friendship even more interesting is that I ended up marrying her sister.

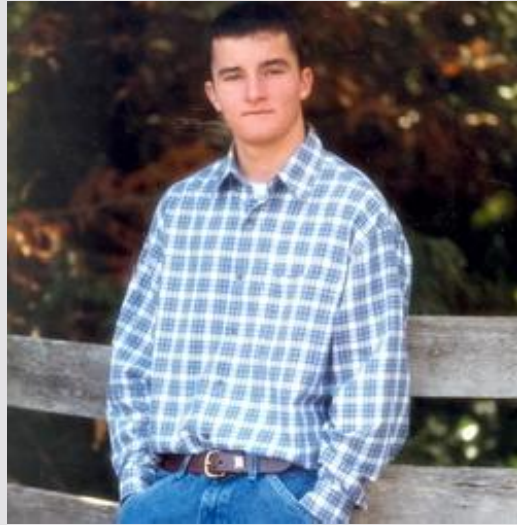
After high school Leanne went out to California finished her dental assistance training and took a job with a dentist who would soon end up being her husband.

Leanne's husband Dr Jay Pearson and son Jim

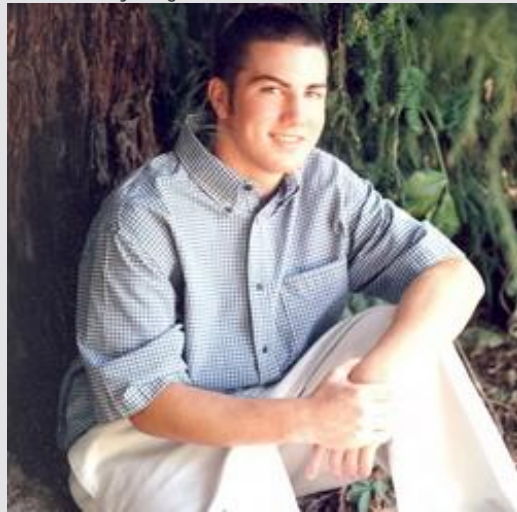


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Matthew 28:10

Jim Pearson - Leanne's oldest son



Paul Pearson - Leanne's youngest son



Leanne we are so happy for you and the wonderful family that God has given you. We treasure your friendship and only wish we lived closer so that our families could get together more often.

We pray that the Lord will give you many more birthdays. Thank you for your special friendship. I read these two phrases that I think describe you:

1- Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.

2- You can win more friends with your ears than with your mouth.

Have a great day on this your BIRTHDAY!!!

OTHERS HAVE SAID :

Birthday (Mouse's sister!! - 04/10/08)

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THE EARLY YEARS (1976-1979)



Today I thought I would give you a little history to our early years in Portugal. Shortly after we arrived David Kelso and I realized we had no music and so Bruce Hoeve came over for 1 year to help us out. A little sing team was put together. (Bruce Hoeve at keyboard)

In November of 1976 Harry Price arrived. He was our business man. Single at first but God brought Susan into his life.

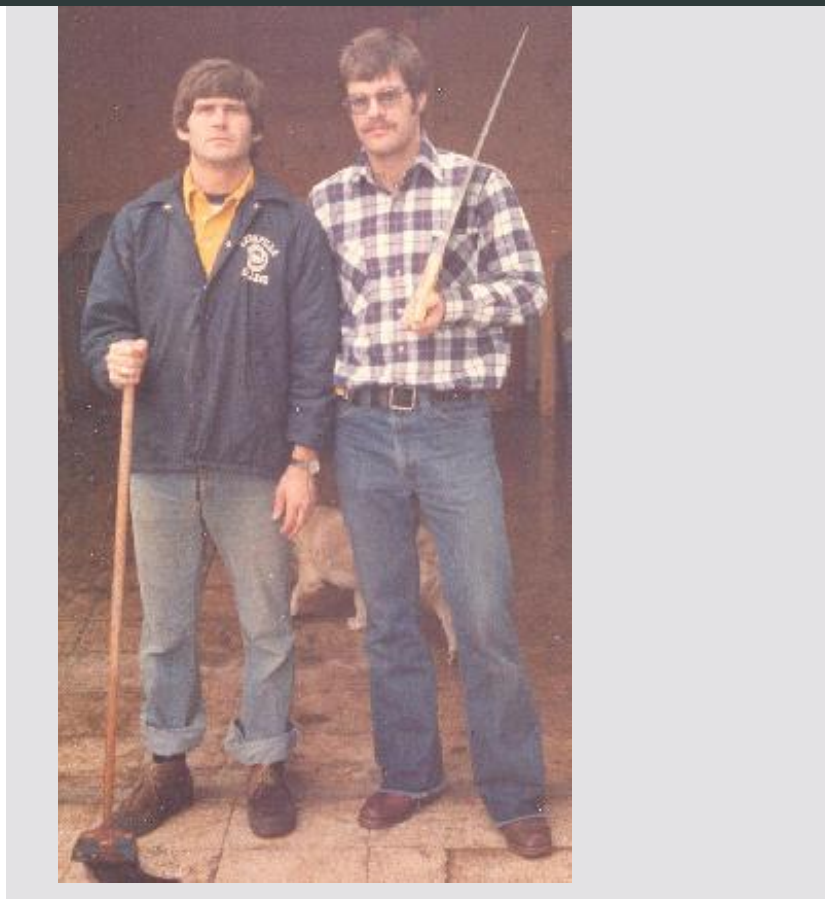


In 1977 Dan and Kathy Darling arrived along with Tim Kaufman. Wow!! Dave Kelso, Harry Price, Dan Darling, Tim Kaufman and myself. What a team!!

At that time it was the Bollback's, the Darling's and three (3) single young men who were all adored by the portuguese ladies.



Tim Kaufman and myself



THE BIG COOK-OUT

The boys in 1978 (Harry Price & Dan Darling)



When David Kelso, Cindi and I arrived the Lord brought us together with a wonderful Portuguese family who literally became “our Portuguese parents.” How we loved them. How wonderful they were to us. Of all the men that God brought alongside of us to help us nobody was as important in the early years as Sr. Fernando. Portugal was going through many social and political changes during the early years and knowing how to navigate those waters would have been impossible without Sr. Fernando. Every Sunday after church we would go to their home for dinner and could D. Nair cook. It didn’t take long for all of us to add on some “kilos.” After lunch the “rook” tournament would kick in. What wonderful memories.

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The first full time staff 1977



(Back Row)
Humberto
Machado; Harry
Price; Antonio
Figueira
(Front Row) Larry
& Cindi Bollback;
Isabel and Ana
Margarita and
Dave Kelso

Portugal and the ministry there will always be a part of our lives but today God has enlarged our vision. We are now focused primarily on the five nations in Africa that speak portuguese as well as East Timor.

Dad once told me that when God moves our heart it is so very important to let go of the past and trust God for the future. Someone I believe having to walk down this very same road put it this way ... *"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore."* Too many leaders head into new ministries and can NEVER lose sight of where they came from. The new ministry and the new team are the ones that suffer with this error in leadership. So we have moved on. We love Portugal and we love Word of Life but today we have our eyes set on the shores of Africa and Indonesia.

We praise God for the past but we are so excited with what lies ahead.

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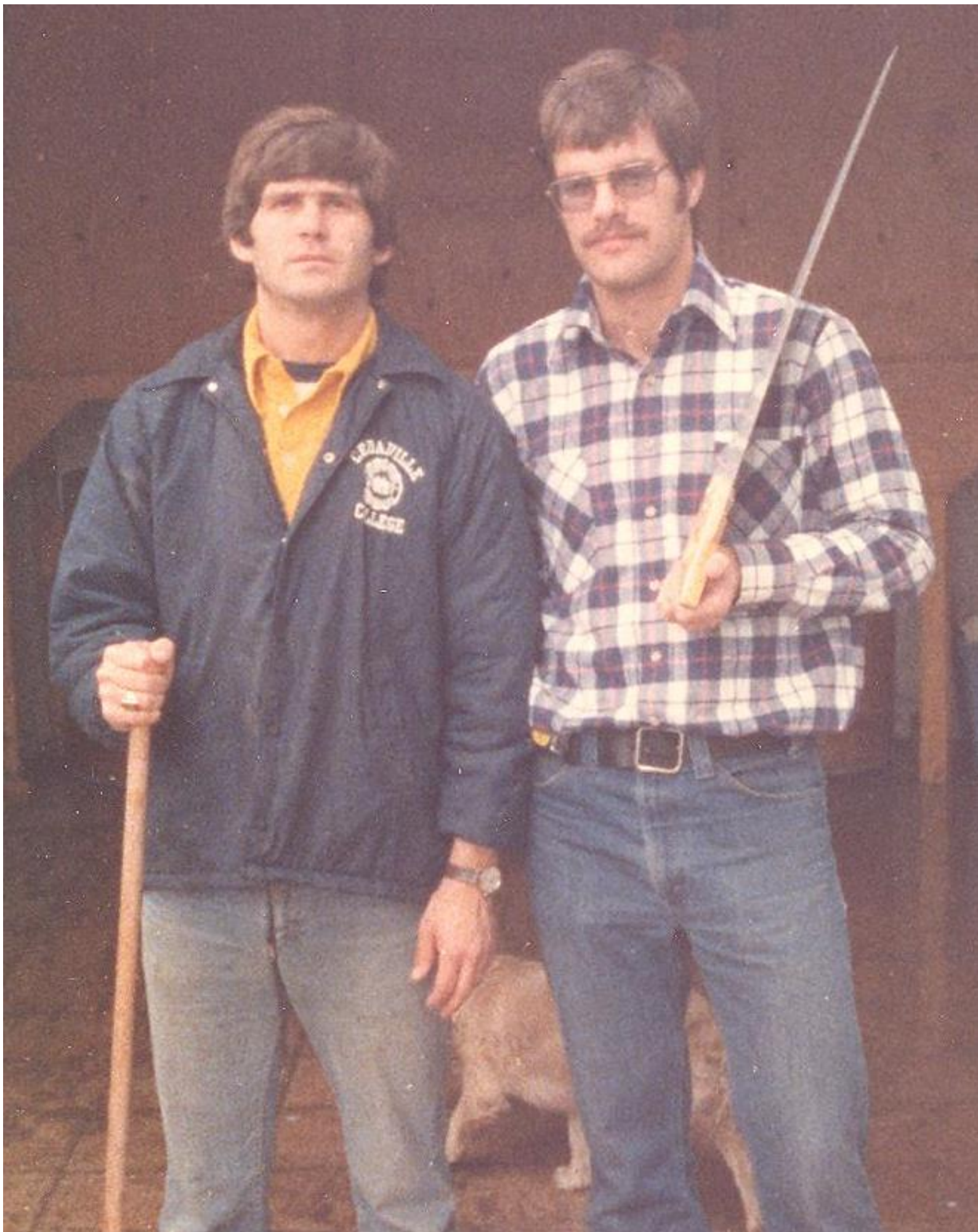
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The day we arrived in Portugal



It was 32 years ago today that Cindi, Dave Kelso (Dave with wife Cheri and son Joshua) and I (plus Buffy) arrived in Portugal to start the ministry of Word of Life. Dave was single at the time but preferred to show him happily married.

Little did we realize all that God had in store for us. Soon there would be a wonderful group of young men that God would call to work alongside of us and soon that group would see God provide wonderful "partners" for the task at hand.





You know what happens when you get a new team of young couples together? You guessed it!! Wonderful children!!!



The staff grew as the ministry grew and we thank the Lord everyday for all of those that God allowed us to work with over the years. Today, we are scattered all over the world ... and some are in heaven ... but the desire to see people saved and lives changed goes on.



During those years in Portugal property was purchased and a camp/ Bible Institute was developed. Bible Clubs were established in over 90 churches. Thousands of teens participated in Sports Marathons. Thousands more attended camp. Its not the property or the numbers that count ... its the lives that were changed by the gospel that we carry with us today. Portugal will always be on our heart but today in a greater sense the Portuguese speaking worldwide community.

THE MANY FACES OF CINDI AND LARRY



The years have passed but we are still the same Larry, Cindi, Luke and Jessie!! Well, maybe a few more wrinkles, white hairs and black heads!

OTHERS HAVE SAID :

Ola (Batatas - 04/9/08)

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Here is what our back deck still looks like on April 4th.

Yesterday I wrote all excited about spring being right around the corner so boy was I amazed when I woke up this morning to see 1" of fresh snow on the ground and it still snowing!! Thank goodness it quickly changed to rain. I am watching the weather and it should be in the fifties this weekend. Hopefully this was the last of the white stuff until the end of 2008.



Here is a thought for all of us to ponder on: *"Contentment isn't getting what we want but being satisfied with what we have."* (Philippians 4:11 says, "Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned in whatsoever state I am in, therewith to be content.")

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POSTED : *Thursday Apr 3, 2008*

We finally had a day that began to give us hope that spring was around the corner. The snow has melted today to the point that we can actually see blacktop in the driveway. We have not seen blacktop since late October early November. Soon we will see green grass ... well after a lot of work we will see green grass. The birds were around this morning as well so we are excited that summer is coming. This summer will be a different one for us as our new ministry will take us to new churches and new opportunities of service. It could even take us to Africa ... but we will have to wait and see.

Jessie will be home for the summer and has applied for jobs at several area hotels and shopping stores. We are looking forward to having her around every day again.

Luke will be up for a few days on work again this summer so we are looking forward to that as well. We talked with him today and all seems to be going well in greater Dallas for him.

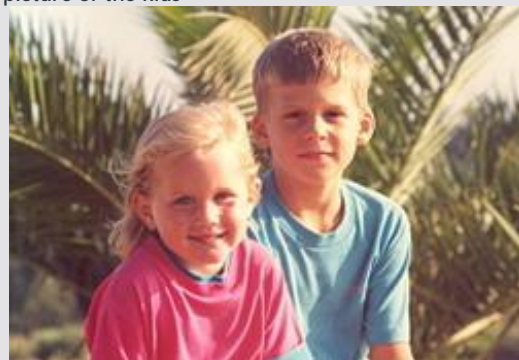
There is not a day that goes by that we don't thank the Lord for our children.

LUKE AND JESSIE IN 1988



LUKE AND JESSIE

My favorite picture of the kids



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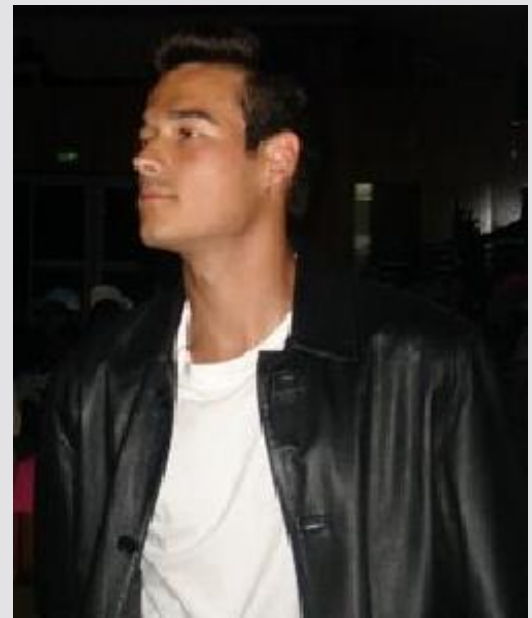
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POSTED : *Wednesday Apr 2, 2008*

Today we have much to be thankful for as it relates to our daughter Jessie studying at Cedarville University. (Both Cindi and I went to school there) As is the case in many of our Christian colleges today the cost seems to be unreal. We told Jessie that the Lord would provide and we would do all that we could in our limited way. She was given by a dear friend a personal scholarship of \$10,000 per year. That would cover almost 50%. It was the miracle we were praying for that would allow Jessie to attend were she always wanted to ... ever since the basketball teams from Cedarville would come over every summer for ministry... a little girls dream was coming true. After two years at the Word of Life Bible Institute she started last fall at Cedarville majoring in Athletic Training. Her first \$10,000 was due to come in January of 2008. The gift never arrived because the donor took residence in a wonderful place called heaven. At first we panicked. Now what? But isn't the Lord good and isn't he faithful. Jessie went believing that the Lord was leading her that way. Today she called and said she was awarded an RA position starting next year which would cover about 50% of her bill. Than later today ... the very same day she received the RA position ... we received another call saying that they wanted to help Jessie with \$5,000 per year. So what can seem as a real problem to us is only a way for God to teach us to trust in Him. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our problems that we forget to count our blessings. *"I will remember the works of the Lord ... I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings."*

MOISES MARTINS

It was 3 weeks ago tonight Moe that you decided to leave us. I still think about it every day. I just read a beautiful article written by the students at Lynchburg about Mo's life. I will try to get it up on the blog tomorrow.



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It has been a long week of trying to put all of the pieces of the puzzle together in what happened with Moises during his last hours. What could have made him feel so desperate? Why did he feel that there was no hope for whatever the problem was that he was facing? He knew the scriptures and he knew what he should have done. Why didn't he do them? Why did his mind stop working? All that he knew he knew that he loved the Lord. We all knew he was a committed Christian. What happened? I wish I knew. I wish I had the words to tell and convince his mom and dad. Even today as I read Moe's Face Book I see that so many continue to write on it sharing their love for him. What happened Moe? While in Lynchburg, someone at the hospital said, "If your kidney stops working, it can kill you. If your liver stops working, it can kill you. If your heart stops working, it can kill you. If your brain stops working, it can kill you." Is that what happened? Did Moe's mind just start falling apart? I really wish I had the answers.

I do know one thing ... *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."* I do know that Satan is alive and well on planet earth and I do also know that if we are going to stand a chance against him we must... *"take up the whole armour of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."* I know Moe was "in the book" so what happened to his mind that night? We will just have to wait for heaven for the answer. But you and I must go on. People have been saved and Christians have been challenged as result of this so lets keep the faith and keep working while it is day for the night is coming when no one can work.

One of our staff kids from Portugal ended his life but another one, Jeff Darling, celebrates his birthday today. Happy Birthday Jeff. Just like Moe, your Aunt Cindi and I were in the hospital shortly after you were born. You carry my name (Lawrence) and that has always been an honor to me. The only negative thing is that I let you get away to become a "benfiquista." God has allowed us the joy of watching you grow up into the fine husband and father you are today. We are so proud of you and blessed to hear of your decision of returning to Portugal as missionaries.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEFFERY DARLING (FAMILY PHOTO)

Kathy - Dan - Jen - Jeff



OTHERS HAVE SAID :

Thanks (Jeff Darling - 04/1/08)

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Do not be afraid. Go and take MY WORD...
Matthew 28:10

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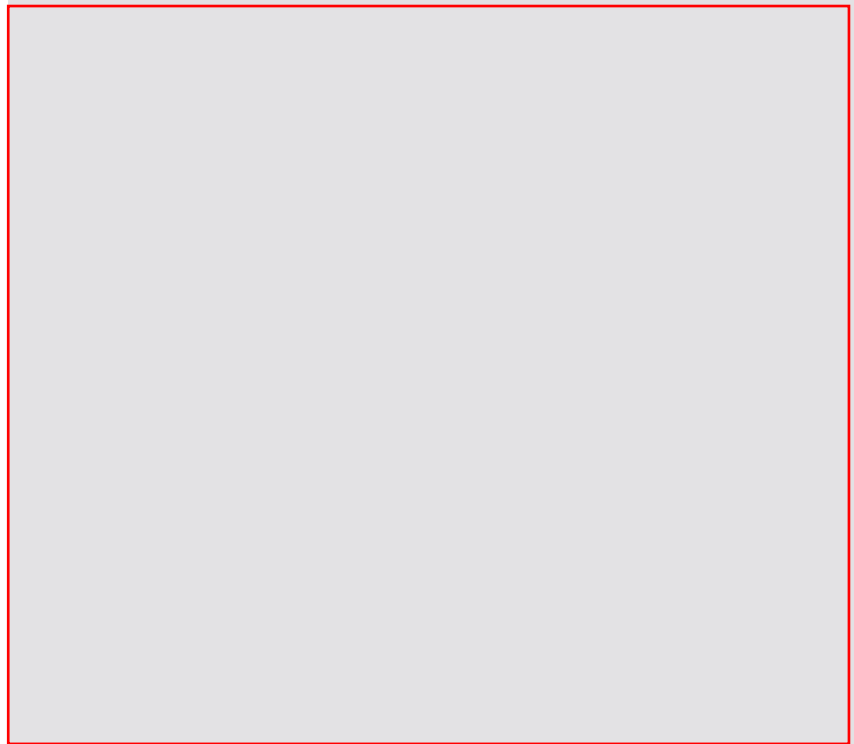
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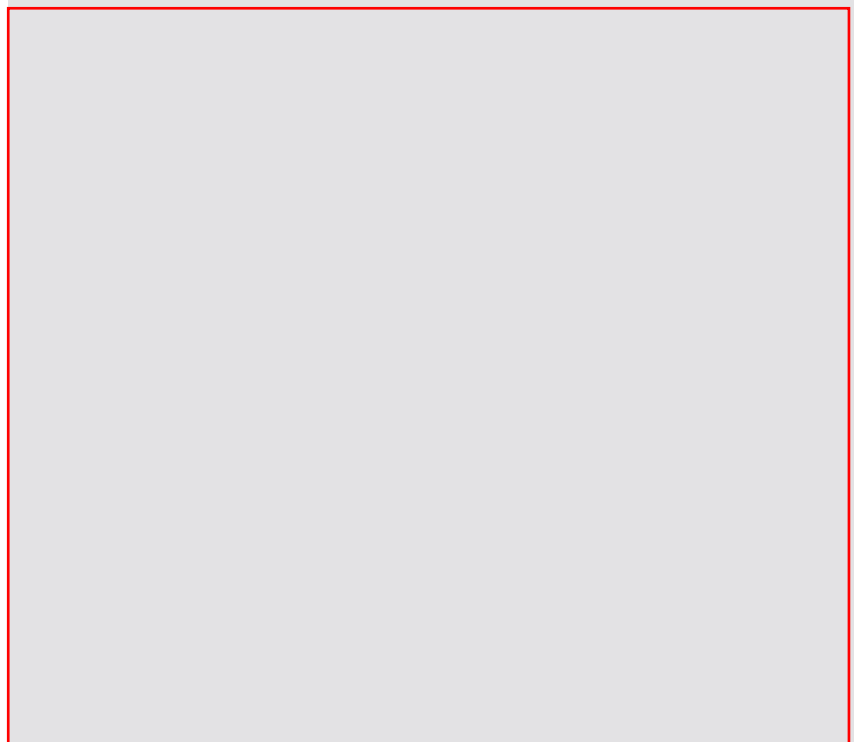
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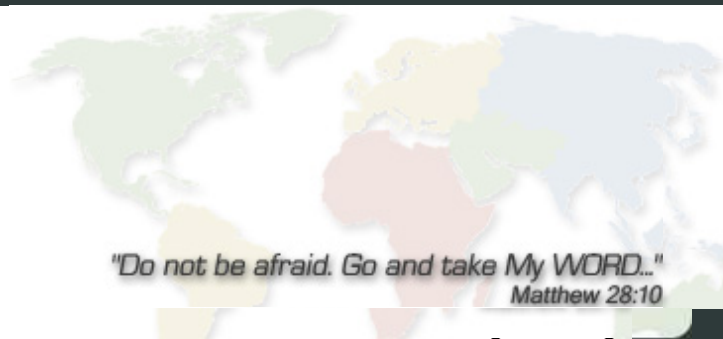
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