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We here in Portugal are working very hard to find many good members as soon as possible. Our goal is to have 40 members by the end of this year. Then we can start new centers in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau in Africa, as well as in other main cities in Portugal.

On March 31 we moved to a new center, a big 12 room house with four bathrooms and a large yard for planting flowers and vegetables. This summer we shall have a new center in the southern part of Portugal. A couple there who joined in September of last year are building the center on their land. It will also serve as a large training center.

Our new center overlooks the sea. Early in the morning we all run down to the beach for exercises. It is a very big house. The rooms are all very large, and the kitchen has an American refrigerator, freezer, stove, washer, and dryer. It was indeed a gift from heaven.

We hope to have brothers and sisters come from other countries to visit us. The brothers and sisters here are anxious to meet the American family. They all know some English. I am teaching them English and we sing many songs in English. We maintain the center by selling beautiful candles we make. We sing as we walk down the streets.

The main street in Lisbon is called "Liberty A venue." We sing as we ride the train, and people love it. We know we can reach the hearts of the people with our songs, our joy, and our freedom. When we tell people about the Divine Principle they sometimes think it's just another religion.

People here are tired of religions which have not really given them freedom and joy. We have what they need, and our hard work and dedication will soon awaken them.