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Location: **Olinda, BRAZIL**

Mission: **Church-based community development and evangelism**



Evaluation is an important aspect of all the different training events and evangelistic events and is a way in which the volunteers come together to discuss how the 'fishing experience' went and how we can serve God better next time.

To help our discussions we look at 3 questions:

- 1) Describe in one word what you thought about the 'Fishing experience'.
- 2) Did you discover any personal strengths and weaknesses in your involvement in 'fishing'?
- 3) What were our strengths and weaknesses as a group of 'fishers of men'?

These questions lead us both in Beberibe and Peixinhos to evaluate the whole process of fishing and always results in us giving thanks to God for the privilege of using us with all our strengths and weaknesses as his fishermen.

When one of our 15 yr old volunteers described the Easter Street evangelism as "exhaustive" the older volunteers all laughed and reminded each other that serving the Lord and being 'fishers of men' is exhaustive no matter what age you are!

Beberibe and Peixinhos are both preparing now for John the Baptist events planned for the month of June. We hope to use drama, puppets and song to share the meaning of John the Baptist's message of 'Repentance.'



GLOBAL DISCIPLES

Go Deep Go Wide

May 2024

Our youngest volunteer in Beberibe (4 yr old) is enjoying being the lost sheep with his puppet and it was fun to see him realise for the first time that his thumb and finger moved the arms of the glove puppet – his face completely lit up! The other children and teenagers are also all excited about using our new glove puppets of sheep and pigs!

I wonder can you work out what 3 parables they will be sharing all about repentance? (Luke 15 will give you a clue.)

The activities in the Reading Room are starting up again with a slightly different approach as we plan to encourage and introduce newer younger readers to the idea of books. A new initiative introduced by the government school education boards means that most of the Good News Club children are now in school all day from 7.30 until 6 in the evening. This means that they now have less time to get involved in extracurricular activities and hence cannot come to the reading room as often as they did in the past. Children in private schools are not in school all day so we are looking at encouraging some of them to come along to the Reading Room. As the majority of children in the poor communities are in the government education system of being all day in school, we are looking at the idea of approaching some of the local schools and introducing a mobile library and storytelling time. Lots of prayer and wisdom is needed for this.

Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the encouraging 'Family day' in Peixinhos community.
- Continue to pray for the Good News Club activities and the Coffee with God Bible study and for the new children coming to the Reading Room.
- Pray for the various training sessions with the Sunday School teachers from Beberibe congregation as we use Sam Doherty's book on 'Principles of Teaching'.
- Pray for a Mother's day evangelistic event planned for 11th May.