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



The various evangelistic events or 'Going Fishing' events over the St John the Baptist period were all encouraging. The footballers in particular really enjoyed the activity of carrying a large heavy plastic bag and trying to run with it across the pitch. They listened really well when we shared with them how only the Lamb of God can take away our heavy burden of sin. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the lives of these men who are so keen and open to hear from God's Word before they start their football game.

The evaluation and reflection time by members of Beberibe congregation on their recent evangelistic event was also really encouraging. As the group grow together, discovering and sharing their gifts and talents, pray that they would continue in their enthusiasm to share the Good News of Jesus boldly with those they meet.

The Reading Room times with the children and teenagers in Peixinhos are going really well. When it is bucketing outside it is great to see the children sitting/lying in the Reading Room totally engrossed in their books.

A recent conversation with one of four teenagers who has just started coming to the Reading Room with Rosa was really encouraging. After sharing the events of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian Eunuch and the verse of "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved", the young girl proceeded to ask various questions "Was this for everyone? Could anyone believe in Jesus? Could anyone be saved?" Rosa had the wonderful experience of explaining what repenting and believing in Jesus meant to this young teenager.

At the end of May there was severe flooding in the Recife and Olinda area with many families losing their homes, belongings and over 120 people died during the severe rains. Thankfully most of the families we work with

managed to put their belongings including fridges and cookers up on bricks in their houses to prevent water damage due to the floods. The local council also helped in donating food baskets and giving financial aid to those affected. Each of our volunteers together with other folks from the congregation donated spare blankets and sheets which they had in their house. Oranges were also handed out as many of the children were now getting severe colds and flu due to everything being wet.

Two of the teenagers from the Good News Club are learning to play the guitar and we were all really encouraged and so thankful to God for answered prayer when one of the taxi men I had got to know during the pandemic, donated his daughter's guitar which she wasn't using anymore. He actually offered it to us on the day we were going to look at prices of guitars in the city centre – God's timing is always perfect!

I am looking forward to meeting up with many of you during my deputation time in September – I am now fully booked.



Football evangelism early one Sunday morning

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the various events over the St John the Baptist period and pray that God by his Holy Spirit would continue to speak to those who were present.
- Pray for the training in both evangelism and the Principles of Teaching in both Peixinhos and Beberibe..
- Pray for each of the children and teenagers of the Reading Room that God would draw them to himself and that they would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for wisdom and guidance to the volunteers as they share with them what it means to be a Christian.