

James and Heather Cochrane

JULY / AUGUST 2021

Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**



Looking back, June was a busy month!

The Bible Course continued on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings with those taking part benefiting from this Bible overview. The course is due to finish in mid-July and our hope is to run the course again at regular intervals with any who show interest in wanting to find more about the Bible.

As lockdown restrictions were further eased, we were able to enjoy some Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) "convívios" ("get togethers") in the local park and a community lunch at church.

Also, in the month of June, new members were received, including the profession of faith and baptism of two adults and the first child baptism in CPV. A second baby, born last year, will be baptised in mid-July.

As we look ahead to July, we will say goodbye to Leopoldo and Lidiane who have been interns in CPV for the past 18 months. Being interns during the ministry restrictions enforced by Covid-19 was not easy. We will be sad to see them leave and are very thankful for how they faithfully served CPV in the areas of music and youth.

CPV will begin a new sermon series on the parables of Jesus, and we will continue to meet with a Portuguese couple each week for discipleship.

We are due to travel to Ireland in early August, planning to be there until the end of September. Alana will be returning to undertake a Master's degree after successfully completing her undergraduate degree. Lucy will get

her A-level results on 10 August and hopes to begin undergraduate study in Belfast.

During our time in Ireland, Chris and Rachel will be carrying the responsibility for the ongoing ministry of CPV. Chris will be preaching most weeks of August and will have a little support in September from a Brazilian pastor who worships with us at CPV.



Prayer points

- Give thanks for the baptisms and new members received in CPV.
- Pray for a much-needed time of rest and an opportunity to connect with some of you during our time in Ireland.
- Pray for Alana and Lucy as they begin studies in Belfast and especially for Lucy as she says goodbye to her friends in Portugal.
- Pray for the Humphries, that God will sustain, equip, and encourage them as they take on more responsibility in August and September.