

## James and Heather Cochrane

Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**



In many ways it feels like Portugal is returning to normal with shops and restaurants open. Tourists are beginning to arrive, and we have noticed that the city of Porto has more life about it, particularly at weekends.

At Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV), we have enjoyed worship on Sundays with an average attendance of 40 people. Our prayer meeting has remained on Zoom, but from next week we will be offering the 'Bible Course' we referred to in our previous bulletin, on Wednesday evenings (after our prayer meeting) and on Saturday mornings, both in CPV.

As a family we are hoping to have an extended break in N Ireland in the months of July and August. We were unable to do this last year because of Covid-19, but this year we remain hopeful that this will be possible. During this time, we will be able to help Lucy prepare for university life. We are thankful that Alana will still be in Belfast as she begins postgraduate study also in September. The two girls will not be living together, but they will be a good support to one other and will be able to enjoy each other's company particularly at weekends.

During June and July, before we leave for N Ireland, as well as running the 'Bible Course', we both will continue to meet weekly with a Portuguese couple to evangelise and disciple them. James is also preparing a few people for membership, through CPV's four-week membership course. We hope to welcome them as members at some point before August at a special service which will include two adult baptisms.

We continue to have a WhatsApp prayer group for more regular short prayer topics. If you are interested in receiving this extra prayer information, please send us a message on +351 915 439 040 and we will gladly add you to the group.



*Photo: A recent Sunday morning worship service*

### Prayer points

- Pray for the ongoing vaccination programme in Portugal and that as tourists arrive, the number of cases of Covid-19 will remain under control.
- Pray for people to sign up and commit to the eight-week 'Bible Course' on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Pray that we would be able to return to N Ireland for a much-needed time of rest and an opportunity to connect with some of you.
- Pray for Lucy as she prepares to leave Portugal and begin a new stage of her life.