



## James and Heather Cochrane

Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**



### Hope

At the beginning of 2022 we introduced the New City Catechism into our worship services. For 52 weeks, as a congregation, we were trained in sound doctrine and the Christian faith was taught in a systematic way to everyone present and was especially helpful to those at the start of their faith journey. We found it to be a useful resource, drawing on the theologically rich historic catechisms but using language that situates it in our current historic and cultural context. In January last year we began with the question: "What is our only hope in life and death?" to which we responded together "That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Saviour Jesus Christ." What an amazing hope we have! Just a few weeks ago we finished with question 52: "What hope does everlasting life hold for us?" The congregation, together recited the answer "It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation".

One of our young people commented on week 52 that it was so encouraging to begin and to end the year with questions about the hope we have in Christ.

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We belong to Him in life and death and we can look forward with hope to the time when we will live with God for ever. It is in this hope that we move forward into another year at CPV, trusting in our merciful and gracious God. Although we finished the New City Catechism for now, CPV will most likely revisit and repeat this amazing experience. For the next three months we turn our focus to the Apostle's Creed.

In 2023 CPV will be established as a church of the denomination (ICPP) and its first elders will be ordained in the month of February. It is an exciting time in CPV's history and we feel privileged to be a part of it. We also continue with our fortnightly small group ministry, youth work and our family outreach ministry.



*CPV is growing! New members being received in Jan 2023.*

### Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the hope we have in life and death.
- Give thanks for resources like the NCC that train and teach God's truth
- Pray for the new local leadership (elders) who will be elected and ordained on 19th February. Pray that the right men, of exemplary character, will be elected.
- Pray for the ministry of CPV as we seek to live our lives in the light of the hope we have in Jesus.