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Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**

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The new session of small groups began in mid-September. Five groups met to begin a new series called "Love your Church", based on the book by Tony Merida. This 8-week study will take us to Christmas. Pray that each participant will be encouraged and challenged about their involvement in the local church.

At the beginning of September, we enjoyed a two-week holiday. It was so good to spend time catching up with our two girls, Alana and Lucy, who are both based in Belfast. On our first Sunday back in Portugal (18/09) after just 2½ weeks away, we spotted about 12-14 new faces at CPV! We have noticed that at this time of the year, when schools and universities start the new academic year, many immigrants, especially from Brazil, arrive.

Graúdos & Miúdos is a new monthly ministry directed at young families. We had our second meeting on Saturday 23/09/22. We encourage CPV families to come along and to invite friends who wouldn't normally come to church. Eventually we hope that G&M will become known to and attract families who live near to CPV. Pray for this outreach initiative.

We are coming near to the end of our current sermon series on the life and law of Moses. The new sermon series will be based on the "I am" sayings of Jesus, found in the gospel of John. Pray for James as he prepares and preaches through these rich texts. We are thankful for a few non-Christian visitors (including some Portuguese) at church each week. Pray that as Jesus is clearly presented, the Holy Spirit will challenge and convict them.

During the summer we tried on several occasions to get our young people together. There are only a handful of teenagers in CPV and it was not easy to meet as some were travelling or had other commitments. As we enter the autumn season, we hope to form a small group specifically for them. We are thankful for a group of 3-4 leaders who are keen to help develop this ministry.



**Young people at CPV*

Prayer Points

- Pray for people who have just moved to Portugal, that they would settle in and adapt quickly to a very different way of life.
- Give thanks for the second meeting of Graúdos e Miúdos and continue to pray that it would be a means to reaching young families in our area.
- Give thanks for the 55 people taking part in the small group ministry and pray that we would all be challenged as church members.
- Pray for our young people, for opportunities to get to know Jesus and to grow in their faith.
- Give thanks for our holiday and time spent with Alana and Lucy. Pray for the two girls as they work and study.