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Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**



Currently at CPV we are taking part in a prayer and fasting campaign called “Juntos” (together) organised by pastors in northern Portugal. It started on 23 October and will last for 21 days. The purpose is to join the church to pray for every district in Northern Portugal, one person at a time. We are encouraged that a good number of our members in CPV took the devotional/prayer to take part in it.

On 3 November, after a 12 week stay in N Ireland, we return to Portugal. It has been a good time to settle the girls (particularly Lucy) into university, to rest and reconnect with family and friends and to visit and report back in congregations about the Lord’s work in Portugal. We are encouraged by the interest and support of many individuals and churches.

Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) continues to grow and on Sundays about 60-65 people have been gathering from all over the greater Porto area (and beyond) to worship. This growth is largely due to the resettlement of Brazilians in Portugal. Even in the few weeks we have been away, a significant number of new people have arrived at CPV.

When we return we hope to take the month of November to visit each family in CPV, giving us the opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with our members and to generally get a feel for where everyone is at after the various lockdowns and other restrictions relating to Covid-19.

We are thankful for the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions in Portugal and we hope to be able to resume some of our normal activities. The small group ministry will be one of the first things we plan to put back in place. This will give the opportunity for people in different geographical areas to meet in smaller groups to study and apply God’s Word, to pray and to get to know each other better.



Prayer points

- Give thanks for the time we spent in NI and for all we were able to achieve.
- Give thanks for the growth at CPV.
- Pray for us as we organise visits with each person who gathers at CPV.
- Pray for the small group ministry, that we would be able to identify and prepare leaders and get groups up and running before the end of the year.
- Give thanks that the girls are well settled into university life and for the friends they have made. Pray for their walk with the Lord.