

## James and Heather Cochrane

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Location: Porto, PORTUGAL

Mission: Church planting



*Graúdos e miúdos*

On Saturday 20 August we began a new ministry in Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) called 'Graúdos e Miúdos' ('Grown ups and kids'). We were very encouraged that the young families of CPV supported this activity and the hope is that, as we become more established, we will be able to reach other families through this ministry. It is a time for the kids to play together and for the adults (mums, dads, grandparents) to chat and get to know each other. We believe that building relationships is key and this informal ministry gives an opportunity for that. As we make friends and share time together, gospel conversations will happen. We plan to meet once a month. Please pray for this initiative.



*One of the small groups*

Our co-workers, Chris and Rachel Humphries, with their two young children, Ezra and Abbie, came to the end of their time in CPV and returned to N. Ireland at the end of August. We give thanks to God for their contribution to mission in Portugal over the past three years.

After a family holiday in September with our two girls, we look forward to beginning a new series of studies in our small groups. We have been greatly encouraged by how well the groups are attended and how they have grown. In fact, a new group will begin in September in a new home. We have enjoyed studying Galatians and being reminded of the gospel of grace, by which we are saved. Our next series will focus on our responsibilities and privileges as members of the church.

As we move towards the end of the year we hope to prepare and train leaders and elders. When we receive our first elders in CPV, we will be constituted as a church of our partner denomination, the Christian Presbyterian Church of Portugal (ICPP).

### Prayer points

- Give thanks for the first meeting of Graúdos e Miúdos and pray that it would be a means to reaching young families in our area.
- Pray for the Humphries family as they settle into life in N Ireland.
- Pray for the next session of the small groups, giving thanks for growth.
- Pray for the training and preparation of leaders and elders and for the process of being constituted as a church of ICPP.
- Give thanks that Alana finished her Master's studies and that she now has a permanent job in Belfast. Pray for Lucy, who has changed course and will starting adult nursing at Queen's University Belfast in September.