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Imagine the following scene:-

One of my neighbours met me at the door as I was returning from a walk with Faniquita (the dog).

“You don’t know what you have caused in our house” she said. “We are fighting over that book you gave us as to whom does it belong! My husband, who rarely reads God’s Word for himself has claimed it as his. He says that we can’t share it for how is he supposed to do the daily Bible readings and put in his notes and thoughts each day when he is off working.” (as a soldier he is often away on duty for long periods). She then proceeded to lead me into her house to have a look at where her husband had placed his book which was not to be touched! Apparently he makes a delicious cup of coffee as suggested in the book and then sits down with his Bible and book to do the study.

A couple of days later I was able to give her another copy of the book - she and her husband were over the moon to say the least!

The ‘Coffee with Father God’ daily reading book is proving a great tool for encouraging various folks both from the ‘Coffee with God group’ in Peixinhos and several of my neighbours who are working their way through it.

January has been a busy month with training sessions both in Peixinhos and Beberibe. Beberibe started up the ‘Reading in the Park’ again and we were really encouraged by the number of children and parents who came to sit and read and listen to the Story being read in the ‘Story telling time.’ Some of them had attended before the pandemic and were so glad to see us again.

It is school holidays at the moment so there are always lots of children about in the park.

School bags and materials were handed out to the ‘Good News Club’ children in preparation for starting back to school in February (although nothing really gets going seriously in Brazil until after carnival time – this year 17 – 21st Feb)

Some of the fathers of the children in the ‘Good News Club’ have been released into the communities to continue their sentences, so folks wearing ankle monitors are more common.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the keenness and enthusiasm of the various folks in using the daily devotional book entitled “Coffee with Father God”. As Brazilians love their coffee it seems to be a good way of encouraging folks to study God’s Word on a daily basis. Please pray that this enthusiasm will continue.
- Give thanks for encouraging training sessions on evangelism in both Peixinhos and Beberibe.
- Pray for the ‘Reading in the Park’ activities.
- Continue to pray for the various training sessions with the leaders and volunteers on Evangelism and Teaching Strategies. Also pray for the volunteers as we prepare for the Easter Street Evangelism events.