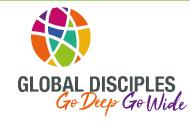


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Imagine the scene...

"If you like chocolates and particularly if you like M&Ms chocolates get yourself up to the park at the entrance of your condominium for a Christmas Celebration as soon as you can. We are going to start in about 10 minutes. If you are not here you are going to loose out." Followed by 7 minutes later "We are about to start a Christmas Celebration and if you are not up here and you like chocolates well let's just say you are going to miss out! And it's not just for children!"

During the next 10 minutes the 15 or so people who had gathered in the park of the condominium had now become over 100 adults and children. God was very good and we had lots of "fish" listening to the simple Message of the Messiah who had come to save us.

The church choir, those involved in the drama sketch, and those explaining the Message of Messiah through our large M&M circle, although very nervous really enjoyed themselves and are really keen to repeat this strategy of evangelism around Easter time. The spontaneous applause from those gathered around after the choir had sung was amazing and really encouraged all the volunteers to relax a little more.

The Good News Club activities started back in the room on 15 January and all the children, including the older teenagers who were so pleased to have Jane's Spaghetti Bolognese back on the menu. They had all missed it and their comments of "There is nothing to compare to Jane's Spaghetti Bolognese," really encouraged Jane, who although can't always be with us at the club, as she looks after her elderly mother, volunteers her cooking skills every Saturday.

In February, when the schools restart, we hope to start up the Reading Room activities and to have our Family Day away for the families of the Good News Club.



Photos: The Reading Room (top) Children from the Good News Club (bottom)

Prayer points

- Give thanks for time in Ireland over Christmas and the New Year and for safe travel back to Brazil.
- Give thanks that I was able to get my Covid booster vaccine on returning to Brazil.
- Give thanks for the encouragements of the various evangelistic events and pray that the 'Message of the Messiah' and that of the 'Dragon vs the Baby' will continue to speak to those who were there.
- Pray for the Good News Club activities and particularly for the new children who are coming along.

