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ways to bring the transformational truth of the gospel upon lives here. Portugal needs Christians who look like Christ, who walk in his ways and who are active in personal evangelism and discipleship, and it is our hope that this prayer initiative would not only challenge us in CPV, but it would also challenge many other churches and individuals throughout Northern Portugal to be beacons of light amidst darkness.

We give thanks to God for his goodness over the last month. Both Ezra and Abbie have started new schools and are settling really well. God has upheld us through what has been a busy season as James and Heather are on deputation in Ireland and we give thanks to God for his grace and providence during this time.

We are excited as the government here has just announced that from 1 October, a lot of Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted and there will be a lot more freedom for people meeting in groups. This is an answer to prayer for several reasons - the past few weeks in church we have been at our absolute maximum capacity, but with these new measures being released, we will now be able to accommodate more people inside our meeting space and welcome new people through the door. We also hope that with this easing of restrictions we can now begin some ministries and initiatives that we have been planning and praying for.

Also in October, Comundade Pedras Vivas (CPV) will be joining an initiative which is encouraging churches in Northern Portugal to fast and pray for their communities for 21 days, beginning on 23 October. This initiative, called 'Juntos' ('Together') is born from Jesus' response to the question of 'What is the greatest commandment?' Jesus gave two - to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Throughout these 21 days, churches will be encouraged and challenged to devote themselves to God through fasting and prayer, and to pray for and serve the people in their communities - their families, neighbours, colleagues, friends. Portugal has such few biblical Christians (less than half a percent of the population are evangelical) and such few evangelical churches that it needs the Holy Spirit to move in powerful



'Juntos prayer kit'

Prayer points

- Pray that cases of Covid-19 would remain low after the easing of restrictions.
- Pray that we would be able to start new evangelistic initiatives in the near future.
- Pray that God would use 'Juntos' to strengthen believers, challenge his church and extend his Kingdom here in Portugal.
- Pray for us as we continue to serve and for our children.