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Location: **Olinda, BRAZIL**

Mission: **Church-based community development and evangelism**



The family day in the park went really well and everyone was exhausted afterwards. That day in the favela/poor



community there was lots of fighting and shooting between different gangs of football supporters so we were so thankful to God that the children and families were at the park and not in the middle of all that was going on in the community. When we returned at around 4:30pm everything was quiet in the community.

The Easter Evangelism presentation in the street in Peixinhos by the children and teens from the Good News Club is hoped to take place on Saturday 7th. The main theme is John 3:15-17, and with a lot of snakes about some might jump out on the listeners!! (not real ones off course!!) We hope to have two main scenes – one of a bronze snake on a post and the other of the cross with John 3:16 on a banner in the middle and simply explain the meaning of John 3:16.

It is planned that Beberibe's presentation (31st May) will include our large M and M sweet and also a north eastern style poem recital of the Easter story sung and read by the minister and one of our elderly volunteers.



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One of our 14 yr olds has agreed to sing a duet with another young person from the music group and our 9yr old is telling the story of Moses lifting up the bronze serpent. She is all excited about throwing out the snakes into the audience of those listening!

She has been praying for her mum to come to church for several years now or to come to the presentations and last week it was wonderful to see her mum for the first time out on Sunday night at the service, hopefully she will come to the presentation.

The 'Coffee with God' time is going well and everyone is enjoying the devotional book with some folks signed up to the app and Instagram that accompanies each devotional. Everyone here has a mobile phone with access to the internet – just don't ask where some of the phones came from!!

The Reading Room activities are going well particularly on the rainy days as the Reading Room is a dry, secure, place for all who come to it. Some have even gone to sleep in the room!

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the 'Family Day' in the park and for God's protection.
- Pray for the various evangelistic events with the football group, nursing home and street presentations over the Easter time. Pray that those who participate would be given boldness and courage as they share the Easter story and that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes and hearts of those who listen.
- Continue to pray for the 'Reading Room' and 'Reading in the Park' activities.
- Pray for the on-going evangelism training sessions with the congregation of Beberibe and give thanks for the enthusiasm of those who come. Pray that others will catch the vision of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus as well.