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Location: **Olinda, BRAZIL**

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



“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17

In a culture where many folks are functionally illiterate, the power of visual aids in teaching and learning becomes more and more evident. Over the past years in Peixinhos the volunteers of the Good News Club have been using what I would call ‘Visual or illustrated confession statements. (Who is God? What is the Bible? What is Sin? Who is Jesus? What is Repentance and Faith? Considering the Cost of Discipleship.) Biblical Truths or Doctrines are put alongside illustrations and drawings to help in memorizing and learning what we believe.

The children from the Good News Club have been witnessing to their ‘adopted grannies and grandads’ in the nursing home. The simple action of giving an elderly person a hug and helping to feed them with the Christmas panettone is wonderful to see, as the children grow in both their faith and in putting that faith into action.

The congregation of Beberibe Presbyterian have been using puppets to share the Good News of Jesus over the past year and are looking forward to using them again over the Easter period.



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It is a real joy to see children and teenagers who have come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour keen to share the Good News with others. In Beberibe as volunteers, we have 4-year old’s side by side with elderly retired folks who are really enthusiastic in working together to do this. Puppets, drama, readings and the choir singing have proved ways in which the whole congregation can become involved in sharing this Good News. It is exciting and encouraging for the older folk to see the enthusiasm of the younger volunteers and their lack of fear in approaching others in street evangelism.

At the start of every year, in the different outreach programmes, we remind ourselves of the reason why we are sharing the Good News of Jesus. We look at our motivation and how everything we do should be to ‘Glorify God’. We also remind ourselves that it is needful to serve the Lord with diligence. One of our young volunteers with learning difficulties expressed what he had learnt from Jeremiah 48:10 in saying “I don’t want to be found to be a cursed servant, forgive me for being lazy and not really wanting to turn up on Saturday to help in the Good News Club”. The verse in Jeremiah 48:10 “A curse on anyone who is lax in doing the LORD’S work!” had really spoken to him.

### Prayer points:

- Give thanks for encouraging training sessions with the leaders, teachers and volunteers in both Beberibe and Peixinhos.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of various evangelistic events in the communities over the Easter period.
- Pray for the weekly Doctrine and prayer meeting as we look at ways of sharing the Easter story with others.