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## BRAZIL

**Location:** Olinda

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Singing "Happy Birthday" to Honey the dog this month was a first for me! My neighbour across the street had invited Smili and myself to a 'dog party' to celebrate the birthday of their dog. I have to admit it was an experience, particularly when Smili took a dislike to one of the other dogs there! It was a good time to get to know my neighbours a bit better – the dogs seemed to enjoy it too!

The street celebration of 'Jesus the Light of the World' in the community around the reading room, went really well, with lots of parents and others stopping in the street to hear the Good News of Jesus - 'The light of the world'.

Some of the men from Peixinhos Men's Group helped the children at the five Wordless Book stalls, which was great, as together they were able to share the meaning of the colours. As many of the children do not have a male role model at home, it was great to see the interaction of these Christian men with the children. We hope to build on this in the future.

During the month of July we plan to take some of the teenagers to see a play on 'The Day of Judgement' held in one of the Baptist churches in the city centre.

Camocim training sessions were very encouraging both with the volunteers of the Compassion Project and the Sunday school leaders of the congregation.

The month of June has seen several other congregations and groups interested in being trained in outreach strategies and how to be a volunteer. Some of these congregations are further into the interior, about four hours drive from Recife, and it is amazing how God has opened these doors. I use a photocopier in the city centre and they happened to be in his shop and saw some of my material specifically designed for working with 'families at risk'. Pray for wisdom and preparation for sharing in training these folks.

## Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the street presentation and pray that many of those gathered will continue to think about what the children shared about Jesus and come to know Him as their Lord and Saviour.
- Pray for the teenagers of the Good News club and that the play on 'The Judgement Day' will encourage them to think seriously about what their relationship with Jesus is.
- Pray for Peixinhos and Camocim congregations together with the Good News Club as they use the Olympic material to study what it truly means to be 'Running the Race' over the months of July and August.
- Continue to remember the reading room and film activities, and pray for the involvement of more volunteers from the PW group which has recently been reformed in Peixinhos congregation.
- Pray for the football outreach as they continue to study the "I am" sayings of Jesus.
- Pray for preparation for my home assignment in Ireland.

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