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Location: **Olinda, BRAZIL**

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



The month of November has been really busy and encouraging with various evangelistic activities.

The young folks studying the book on 'The Bare Facts of sex, love and relationships' had a final study time in my place and I was able to bring in the story of the gingerbread man and how he trusted in the wrong person (the fox) and how often we can make that same mistake. We looked at how the only one we can really put our trust and confidence in is God. (If you are wondering why I chose the gingerbread man- this year the shopping mall was really big on this as their Christmas theme)

The coffee with God folks in Peixinhos had a lovely time when we took them out for a surprise treat on one of their bible study evenings to one of the local bakeries. The bakery has a sit-in area for eating and we were able to present them with next year's 'Coffee with Father God' devotional book and also the 'all favorite' Christmas panettone! All 18 who came had an enjoyable time drinking coffee and the favorite choice of food seemed to be 'Eggy Burger'. A freshly made burger with fried egg and all the trimmings.

The volunteers from both Peixinhos and Beberibe went to the big shopping mall at the far end of the city as a treat (both on different days). Burgers and milkshakes were high on the choice of menu there as well, although I did manage to get five of them to have a 'salad experience' which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Lots of photos with the Christmas decorations were taken and it was a great opportunity to remember the origin of the Christmas tree and Christmas wreath and how they can be used to point to the Saviour. Taking them to the bookstore in the mall was a wonderful experience, as they were then able to choose and purchase their own books (thanks to kind gifts from you). We also got to see Mr Gingerbread man himself and of course Santa Claus!



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December will be busy with visits to the nursing home and all the evangelistic events in the street in both Peixinhos and Beberibe.



The doctrine classes are encouraging and the group are opening up to asking questions and sharing in the learning experience (a new thing for Brazilians who usually just sit and listen to the 'mini-sermon'). The pastor wants me to continue these classes on the Sunday mornings coming up to Christmas in the adult Sunday School time, so please pray for this.



Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the encouraging Bible studies with the young folks in Peixinhos on love and relationships.
- Give thanks for the Coffee with God studies.
- Continue to remember the street evangelistic events planned in both Beberibe and Peixinhos communities, that God would draw many folks to Himself.
- Pray for the Bible and Doctrine classes on Fridays leading up to Christmas, together with the Sunday morning classes.