



The month of June has been a combination of football and John the Baptist festivities with fireworks, traditional small bonfires outside in the streets, and off course pop-corn, corn soup, corn cake, corn on the cob (basically anything with corn in it).

This has meant both the Good News Club in Peixinhos and the congregation of Beberibe have had lots of opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus. Using strategies of both football and the 'John the Baptist' festivities has meant the volunteers have been busy but also have had great fun presenting the Gospel.

The 'Reading in the Park' group were able to use CEF material with the theme "God's team is the best team" and we ended up having what could best be described as an open-air Good News Club session. The children, their parents and guardians all learnt a memory verse, song and off course listened to the story time. Everyone came in their Brazilian football colour t-shirts. The children loved the sticker album of Bible heroes organised in the format of a football album which we handed out. The chocolate sweets 'Brigadeiros' also decorated with the Brazilian colours were also enjoyed.



Evangelistic events in both Peixinhos and Beberibe communities were really encouraging using the story of Mary Jones and her desire to have a Bible.

Using a coloured football with the colours Yellow/gold, black, red, white and green to share the Good News of Jesus and painting footballs with fingerpaints was great fun!



Explaining Ephesians 4:22-24, using puppets with football T-shirts and how we need to take off the old self and put on Christ was encouraging. It was interesting to see the reaction of both the children and their parents to hear how we are all born on the 'Devils team' and need to change teams. One young boy in the Sunday school class in Beberibe made the connection and shouted out "that's because of original sin". Great fun, but lots of hard work.

Looking forward to meeting up with you all there in Ireland over July, August and September on various deputation meetings which this year also includes speaking at a Holiday Bible Club.

Prayer points:

- Give thanks for all the 'fishing events' and pray that many who heard the Good News will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Continue to pray for the Reading in the Park, Good News Club, Coffee with God activities.
- Please pray for all the travel and the deputation meetings in Ireland as I share what God is doing in Brazil.