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GLOBAL DISCIPLES
Go Deep Go Wide

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We have definitely entered the rainy season with recent floods causing lots of problems. Some of the residents in my neighborhood had to be rescued by the firemen and their boats. This was due to the nearby river (at the bottom of my street) bursting its banks and the rising water levels due to the heavy rains entering into the houses. Most of the folks around my neighborhood leave their houses during this period of risk of flooding and landslides and move in with other family members in safer areas. Many however refuse to leave their unsafe houses as they are fearful of folks entering their houses and stealing everything, when they are not there. As I live on the second floor, I am very thankful the water can't reach me, but my street was completely flooded. Unfortunately, I could see the water entering some of my neighbors houses and them trying to quickly move everything on the ground floor up on bricks or to the second floor. Recently the government has been trying to drain the river beds to prevent the flooding happening again, meaning that at the moment my street has lots of trucks and diggers on it working every day. Hopefully this will prevent future flooding.

The volunteers from Beberibe congregation are practicing for an evangelistic event to be held at the end of June using the story of Mary Jones. It is wonderful to see how everyone is working together using their gifts and talents and even developing new ones. Corn soup is on the menu together with the M&M sweets! We have put up a large poster of the sea with lots of fish stuck on it. Each fish has the name of someone whom we have got to know at the different evangelistic events and for whom we are praying. As we go out "fishing", we are praying that God by His Holy Spirit, will draw these people to Himself and that they will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Peixinhos volunteers together with the children from the Good News Club and some of the teenagers from iFood with God, have been preparing for their street evangelistic event and visit to the nursing home also planned for the end of June. All the volunteers in both Beberibe and Peixinhos communities are looking at different strategies of using football and the World Cup to share the Good News of Jesus. One of these strategies is using sticker albums of people in the Bible.



Some photos of new puppets we hope to use in the various events.

Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the enthusiasm of the volunteers to use their gifts and talents to share the Good News of Jesus with others in their communities.
- Pray for the various evangelistic events and outreaches planned for the month of June.
- Continue to remember the Reading in the Park activities which have been really encouraging.