



Brazilians normally agree that nothing really gets going in the year's activities until after carnival. March sees all the schools back, and hence Good News Club activities are well under way. 'Reading in the Park' started with our large wordless book been told again. For some it was the first time seeing the huge book of colours and hearing the Good News of Jesus being told. One of the young listeners around 9yrs old, knew the song that accompanied the wordless book and he sung a solo, to teach everyone else. The music was then put on our WhatsApp group for the rest of the children to learn. Everyone received a pencil and book marker with the colours.

The evangelistic events in both Peixinhos and Beberibe communities, and the visit to the nursing home in the old part of Olinda are all planned for the end of March, so the puppeteers, the drama and singing groups are all practicing their parts. During Easter we hope to use the 5 Solas to share the 'Gift given by God' looking at Jesus' death and resurrection. Some of the volunteers are making a large hand which we hope to use to help everyone remember the 5.

Over carnival I gave the volunteers a challenge to learn off some verses and it is wonderful to see how they have been trying their best to learn off the passages.

One of the verses is that of Romans 10:14,15
"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

"Hearing" doesn't just mean hearing sounds or words with your ears as it needs to be in a language you can understand. If you don't understand English, the telling needs to be in your language, hence a translator might be needed. If you are deaf, you will need a sign language interpreter, (one of our volunteers is actually learning to sign). If you are a child or adult with poor literacy or are functionally illiterate, the language used needs to be simple, or if you fall into the autism spectrum disorder or spectrums of attention deficit disorder, the language used to communicate needs to be spoken in a different format, often using visual communication - hence our strategic use of puppets!



Here in Recife and Olinda, using various strategies, we are trying to communicate the Good News of Jesus to others in an inclusive way in which all the listeners in our particular context will understand. Adapting our communication skills is challenging, but we know that the Holy Spirit is able to use our simple forms of communication strategies to enable many to call on God and believe in Him for salvation. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can draw people to God but our responsibility is to speak/preach clearly.

Prayer points:

- Pray that in using various strategies of communication, the Holy Spirit will use the "words" that we speak to bring many boys and girls and their families to come to know Jesus.
- Continue to pray for the Reading in the Park; Reading Room activities; Coffee with God Bible studies; street evangelism events; nursing home visits; football evangelism and the Good News Club activities that all would bring glory to His name.