

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world. Ephesians 6:12*

This fight has been felt by our team in spiritual attacks against the body, against the mind and against the soul. But the grace of God is present and that is enough. Every day the Lord gives us comfort, enhances our strength and blesses us in every conflict.

The initiative of offering “Brigadeiros” with a New Testament, as a Christmas present has been very positive. We had the opportunity of serving as a family and many received the message of Jesus in a personal and friendly way. Now, after Christmas, we continue to use this strategy, during visits and as a way to strengthen relationships, creating an opening to share the Gospel, which is sweeter than honey.

We are praying for the conversion of a family. Missionaries Elias and Priscila have developed a friendship and counselling relationship with a couple who is going through family conflicts. May God use this situation of suffering to bless this family with the faith that makes everything new.

I continue the ministry of visits at the S. Joao nursing home in Cartaxo. God surprises us! When I started to develop this ministry, I was heavily attacked with thoughts of discouragement, because they are people with a very advanced age, who are debilitated and have huge limitations. I was wrong! Mr. Rodolfo is always very happy with the visits. I have read him the Bible and for more than once I have shared about the redemption of Christ. A lady named Alice, who had never spoken a word to me and who I believed not to be mentally healthy, in my last few visits, has spoken coherently. I was very surprised and Mr. Rodolfo commented that he had never heard her speak before that. Ms. Lurdes, in the beginning, showed herself to be a tough and suspicious woman. In the last visit she talked a lot to me about the life of Jesus and carefully listened about the plan of God for salvation. God spoke to me! We have to sow and leave the rest of the work to the Lord.



We have plans of organizing an international youth dinner with the purpose of straightening relationships, in a demonstration of genuine interest for their lives. We are very cheerful with these ideas, but only the Lord gives us the right answer. So pray to the Lord that He may guide us in our plans.

The prayer of the just is powerful, so, please pray:

- For the sons and that they may grow in faith
- For God to give us a place to meet. We are still searching.
- For the Lord to bring us people who are thirsty for the Gospel
- For the family of Carlos, Andreia, Madalena and Miguel
- For the finances, because the political and economic crisis in Brazil has hampered the work of Brazilian missionaries

Grace and peace,

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