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Ever since I found salvation, I have understood how urgent and important it is to preach the Gospel. In my innocence I believed that people would easily believe in an enthusiastic way. Throughout my walk, the Lord has showed me that things are not like that, for many have rejected and don't even want to listen about our faith. Something interesting has started to happen in my walk of faith. The Lord has started to bring to my path people who are already near the end of their lives. Whether it be in hospitals, in nursing homes, churches or someone's house, I had the joy of being used to save people for Jesus, whether they might be children, adults or elderly ones. I do not remember seeing any of these people being baptized and having become disciples with a true focus in the church. Despite this, I have seen many tears of peace and joy and also have praised the Lord for the expansion of His reign and for being a part of the joy that exists in heaven for a lost that was found.

I met Mr. Eduardo nearly one year ago during my work for the Town Hall of Cartaxo, aiding in the current covid-19 pandemic. He has made many questions and commented about God and I already had the opportunity to share the Gospel with him. Pray so that Mr. Eduardo, an 87 year-old man believes in his heart and confesses that Christ is his savior and God will complete His own work in his manner.



In this period, due to the second wave of the infection, unfortunately the ministry becomes very limited. One has to maintain one's motivation and use creativity in contacting with acquaintances and in the process of establishing new friendships. I have worked to cheer people up through the way of digital messaging or with cards accompanied by little sweets made by me. Inviting my sons' friends for a pizza at my house is also a way of approaching to young people and testifying to them.

I want to thank God for the opportunity of a partnership with Pt. Fabiano Fernandes in a church plating project in Santo António do Tojal, in Lisbon. Because the ministry in Portugal is a slow process, it is important that we help and encourage one another. Pt. Fabiano Fernandes is the president of IBP (Bible Institute of Portugal) and has already led a project of establishing a church in Parque das Nações, in Lisbon. To this day, he still teaches and I am taking the chance to participate, listening to one of his courses about motivation, which has helped me in several ways.

There is a lot of insecurity everywhere, but our God is the eternal rock and in Him there is no shadow or doubt. May we keep being firm in the calling of Jesus Christ, until our last breath.

In Him and for Him,

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