

Missionary
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On a mission for
Be One Together



GOD LOVES CARTAXO!

This is the statement presented at the entrance to our church building. It is the truth we wish for this people to discover and witness in the way we live. "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" John 13:34

HE WORKS IN OUR BEHALF!

The other day, in the morning, I entered the room of my son, kneeled, and put my hand over his head while he slept profoundly, praying loudly to the Lord for his life. My son did not see or hear what happened in his room, but I was intervening for him. Sometimes we might think that GOD is not doing anything for us and this city because everything is quiet, and we do not see any action. However, He works day and night, and is powerful to do much more than we might ask or even think.



FAITH IS A MIRACLE

of the Lord and we only have it because the Holy Ghost intervenes in the life of the people. Our task is to pray and preach even when some reject the word, others dodge it and so many others are caught up in worldly matters and by the lies spread around society.

The work is always being done, even if we are not seeing or hearing it.





CRISBEL AS A CONTACT POINT.

I am a missionary in Portugal for many years and I arrived to Cartaxo 12 years ago. Because of the prejudice of these people I cried out to the Lord so that He would give me a contact point to them. In the pandemic I had the idea of making jams to later sell them. CrisBel has made me known around town and has been the contact point I was looking for. Through this work I have provided quality homemade products to the community and made new relationships with people that would not be possible outside that context.



SWEETER THAN HONEY.

I buy honey from Filipe and Cátia and am starting to develop a good friendship with this couple. I need you to help me by asking the Lord for wisdom and courage. May I know the way to develop the conversation from a more general talk to an actual spiritual one. I can understand that Cátia and Filipe observe and admire me. Meanwhile I know that salvation comes by listening to the Word of God. Consequently, we need someone to spread the Word! I ask God for an opportunity to share the Gospel with this couple. My wish is that they may also come to know what is sweeter than honey.



MANUELA IS A BLESSING!

I met Manuela, a Portuguese lady, in the local Cartaxo Marketplace. She has become my best client and now a friend. She would always stop at my stall to buy a product, but also to have a chat. After strengthening our relationship, we talked about the Bible and faith. After many good talks Manuela accepted my invitation to visit our church. Since that first time she never stopped frequenting our Sunday service. This is wonderful and it is incredible to understand how Manuela is bold and charismatic! She has already brought her daughter, Filipa, and her neighbor, Augusta, to visit our church. This is the work of the Lord and a reason to rejoice and thank Him. Augusta has been praying together with us and has started bringing her son, who is battling alcoholism.

DOES GOD EXIST?

This was the theme we approached in our last teenager meeting in our home. It was gratifying to see the glow in the eyes of some. We have faith and pray that Duarte, Diniz, Rafael, Ruben and Quevin might become pillars in the church of Christ in Cartaxo, Portugal.



AROUND THE TABLE

We want to see a small group gathering around the table and sharing a meal while also feeding from the living Word. It is very hard to get through distrust, religious prejudice, disbelief and lack of time to bring people into our home. So far there is only three people sitting around the table, but I trust that the Lord will multiply once more and that we will give thanks and eat together.

SEND WORKERS, LORD.

This has been our constant prayer. We ask that the Lord might send a faithful individual or couple, focused in the Word and sharing the Gospel. Someone who believes in the power of the work of a team that is fully committed to loving God and the other people.

WE LOVE THE LORD

with all our heart, and He commands us to love Cartaxo. He also gave His life for these people. May you also be here and love Portugal, love Cartaxo. Accept the challenge of praying and becoming involved in this project. Ask the Lord to show you how you may also be a blessing for the city of Cartaxo.



OUR DOORS ARE AND ALWAYS WILL BE OPEN TO RECEIVE YOUR VISIT.