

# BE ONE TOGETHER

Dear brothers, sisters, and friends,



We arrived to 2025 full of gratitude! This does not mean that everything has happened as we wished, but in everything, whether our hands are full or empty, we are more than winners through the One who loved us all.

The Baptist Church in Cartaxo gave its first steps to become officially an independent church. The congregation has matured and is establishing its own leadership.

At my house, we have a group of four women, who gather

weekly to have breakfast with prayer. The objective of these meetings is to pray for our city and to strengthen each other. We plan to also begin a Small Group, which will serve as a basis reach people that have never had a previous experience of Faith in Jesus Christ. We want to start the encounters in January and invite our neighbors and acquaintances we have prayed for. Please pray with us for the people who were born in Portugal, who have closed hearts and minds due to the religious tradition of Portugal, prejudice, atheism or a pure disinterest toward God.



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School work, as a teacher of Evangelical classes, has been a great experience. It is an excellent tool to, in a natural way, share the message of Jesus Christ. Ninety-nine percent of the students are migrants with almost no Biblical knowledge at all. Meanwhile, we were already able to organize two events which reached different teachers and students in the whole school. At the Christmas celebration we had a full auditorium. The Christmas message, based on John 3:16, was shared in a fun and creative way.



The CrisBel ministry allows us to establish many contact points with different people from this city. Meanwhile we need time and financial investment for the purchase of raw materials, marketing and confection of the products. Therefore, I ask you to help me by asking God for:

- Wisdom for the management of CrisBel;
- People with vision to voluntarily assist and collaborate with this work as a ministry;
- Vision and strategy to correctly use this powerful resource.

In the Cartaxo Marketplace, we had the opportunity to hand out many calendars with a Biblical message for every day of the year. These calendars are handed out in a personal way, so that we can demonstrate a genuine interest in everyone. We also want to keep calling people and tell them: "Come and see!"

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. - John 1:46

In Jesus,

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