

BE ONE TOGETHER

This week, Portugal experienced death. It arrived suddenly and with no warning. A road accident brought an end to the lives of two young men filled with hope and dreams. **Diogo Jota** and **André Silva**: two famous European soccer players, one of which played for



Liverpool FC. Their lives were taken by a car accident caused by the explosion of a tire. Portugal went mute. This loss touched us in Portugal and around the world. Meanwhile, in the time it took me to write this, more than 90 people have died, and only around 16 of them above the age of 70. Death does not choose ages. There are those who say that when you

die everything ends. The Bible says this: everything ends, but on Earth. Our earthly life is temporary and almost invisible in the line of eternity. This unquestionable truth moves us to share the Gospel, which is the way of salvation for all of those who believe. Death is always terrible, but whomever dies in Christ goes through a passage towards what is perfect.

I share with you my joy of, this school year, having invested in the lives of so many children and teens. We studied about the beginning of everything and about family, its strengths and weaknesses and about the role of everyone in a family. In the end of this school year, we had a class trip with 22 students. We spent a time filled with fun and teaching activities with the theme “Family: a project of joy and courage.”



This meeting surpassed our expectations

I share with you the honor of having contributed with the First Missionary Conference of the Baptist Church in Cartaxo. We had three days of conference which blessed not only our church but also fellow neighboring churches. In the Conference we heard the reports shared by our missionaries: a family in Japan and a lady missionary from Brazil. We also heard about other ministries and challenged the believers to commit to offerings of Faith in Christ. In everything we give praise to the Lord because, even in the beginning of our still small church, it is already cooperating in sharing the Gospel with other people.

I also share with you the blessing of having our ministry in the town marketplace. I have had the chance to speak with some customers. It is an arduous and slow work by which we hear, show genuine interest, laugh and cry. I want to highlight three ladies the Lord has

helped me to turn from loyal customers to good friends. Please help me praying for Belmira (a lady with physical, spiritual and mental difficulties), Cecília (a lady widow who recently lost both of her young daughters), and Zulmira (her mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer). They always demonstrate emotion and gratitude when I promise to pray for their lives.



The ministry with Crisbel in the marketplace is slow, but it bears fruit with time. We met Manuela in the marketplace and now she integrated a discipleship program for preparation for her baptism, 26th July. Manuela really wants to see her daughters and grandchildren trust in the Lord. We ask you to pray for the families of both Filipa and Patrícia, her daughters, to come and accept the invitation for their

mother's baptism.

The next theme is hard, something I always hesitate to mention. However, I want to share with my brothers our victories and also our challenges. My financial support has been decreasing, due to structural changes and other necessities in the ministry field. I ask you to pray, be informed, come visit, and be involved in whatever way the Lord calls you to.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”