

BE ONE TOGETHER

A Time for Celebration! The Biblical Baptist Church of Cartaxo is completing 5 years of existence and is beginning to take its first steps on its own. Five years may seem like a short time, but the dream and the struggle began much earlier. I am very thankful to God because, in the midst of losses and gains, the work has continued and continues on due to His infinite grace and power. As the song says, "God does everything very well in His time."



Today is a special day! It marks the beginning of the school year and school bible studies classes. We will have around 35 students, divided into 4 classes of different age groups. God has been opening the doors of the schools, but also providing good opportunities for us to reach

the teachers and school staff. On the 7th, we held a small tribute for International Teacher's Day. With the help of Youth for Christ, we visited three schools. It was an extremely tiring day with some difficult challenges. The work did not go as we would have liked. A true Divine spiritual battle awaited us. God's command is for us to sow the seed, and this was done; making it sprout and generate life is Divine work.

Please stand with

me during this school year in the challenge of blessing children and adolescents, creating a network of heroic followers of the only true Super-Hero who walked the Earth. I am very grateful to the Bible Society, which provided us with the opportunity to offer a Bible to our primary and secondary school students enrolled in this subject.



Santo Antão Do Tojal

is a locality in the Municipality of Loures, where the Portuguese Bible Institute is located—a theological education organization that has positively impacted the population and the country for decades. Inspired by this good example over the years and the Institute's excellent facilities, a team composed of some teachers, students, and committed servants dreamed and are now pursuing the dream of seeing a new church born in this area. Winning people for Jesus is something that fascinates me, especially when the work is done in a spirit of teamwork and interdependence. Santo Antão do Tojal is a small locality, but it is interconnected with a series of other regions and is only 10 minutes from the city of Loures, which is part of Greater Lisbon, so there are many people around here!



On the streets of Cartaxo, Loures, or Lisbon, children, young people, and the elderly walk around haunted by ghosts. I am reminded of the song by Pedro Abrunhosa, who laments while singing, as if in the voice of the world, "Who will take away my ghosts... who will take away my ghosts?" We are here to declare on the streets of the cities the powerful name of Jesus and His eternal answer to this question...

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

I need you! Offer your vacation to help us, for a cross-cultural experience. Pray for me: for wisdom in time management, for spiritual and emotional support, for teamwork, for financial resources. Ask God what you can do for Portugal from right where you are.

In Christ, with all my gratitude, Isabel Fernandes