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Location: **Olinda, BRAZIL**

Mission: **Church-based community development and evangelism**



GLOBAL DISCIPLES
Go Deep Go Wide
June 2025



The month of May included lots of rains and flooding in both Recife and Olinda. At the start of May, the 'Mother's Day' evangelistic event for the 50 plus mothers connected with the Good News Club children and the Coffee with God group was really encouraging. It was good to be able to use the main room and kitchen facilities of the congregation of Peixinhos as we wouldn't have been able to fit everyone into the small Reading Room space in the favela.

The theme of 'Under the wings of the Lord' went well as the team of volunteers shared how God longs to have each one of us safely under His wings of care, protection and forgiveness, just as a mother hen cares for her young. (Matthew 23:37)



The story of how a mother hen on a farm protected her chicks under her wings in a fire and how she gave her life for the chicks to save them was tied in with God wanting to be 'Our Mother Hen' and how Jesus, His son, died in our place.

We even had a retelling of the story competition by the mothers and it was great for the team to see how the simple use of visuals can really help, particularly amongst illiterate or functionally illiterate folks, to understand and remember the Gospel message.

My 'Big Bird' became the mother hen for the event!

Preparations for street evangelism using the northeastern cultural events of St John the Baptist and St Peter days to share the Good News are well under way. The events are planned for 13th and 14th June in Beberibe and Peixinhos communities.

Puppets, drama and song are all planned to share the Message of John the Baptist and the Apostle Peter of Repentance and Mercy found in Jesus alone. The Old Testament prophet, Jonah, is also making an appearance with the same message! 'Jonah and the Very Big Fish' by Tim Thornborough is the book we hope to hand out to all the families who come along to the street event.



Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the encouraging Mother's day event and pray that each of these mums may come to be 'underneath the Lord's wings'.
- Pray for the Reading in the Park during the rainy season and give thanks that we have been given the use of a room when it rains.
- Pray for the Street Evangelism events in June that all those who come along would come to know that God is good, loving and forgives all who turn to Him in repentance and faith.
- Pray for my nephew who is out for a few weeks to visit me, that we will have a great time together.