

James and Heather Cochrane

Location: **Porto, PORTUGAL**

Mission: **Church planting**



Since we last wrote things have become a lot clearer for us. Heather continues to settle into her role as Latin Link Ireland Coordinator (maternity cover) and on 7th May the East Belfast Presbytery sustained a call for James to become the minister of Ravenhill Presbyterian Church. He will be installed on Wednesday evening, 26th June 2024 - you are very welcome to attend!

So effectively this will be our final bulletin as global mission workers with PCI. We're very thankful for the opportunity and privilege to serve with the council of global mission both in Brazil (1996 to 2003) and Portugal (2008 to 2023). We are also very thankful for the many people throughout Ireland and beyond who have supported us faithfully in prayer and in many other ways.

As we look back over 22 years overseas, we feel very privileged to have ministered in two very different contexts for the gospel. It has been so encouraging to see God at work, people coming to know and love Jesus and churches being planted. We have also been so blessed to form deep lasting friendships with people in Brazil and in Portugal. We hope to be able to maintain contact with these friends in years to come. In fact, we have planned a trip to Brazil in October. It will be the first time to visit Brazil since we left in 2003!

James will be preaching at a mission conference in Rio de Janeiro and then we will travel to the Northeast of Brazil to visit friends and colleagues and we may have the opportunity to visit the church that was planted in Cruzeta. We would value your prayers for that trip.

We would also appreciate prayers as we transport some belongings from Portugal in the next week, move into our new home in Belfast and as we settle into Ravenhill to serve the Lord in this new context.

In Portugal, Pedras Vivas awaits the arrival of Pastor Leonardo on 18th June with his wife Dani. Give thanks that the church has found an apartment for the couple to rent and pray also for the congregation as it looks for larger premises to accommodate the growing congregation. As Pastor Leonardo as he settles pray that he and the church will remember the need to contextualize and develop a Missional vision suitable for the Portuguese context.



Church Planting – Brazil and Portugal

Prayer Points

- For us as we settle into Ravenhill Presbyterian Church, that the Lord would use us.
- Pray for Heather's role within Latin Link as she mobilizes people for mission.
- For our trip to Brazil in October.
- For the ongoing ministry of Pedras Vivas in Portugal under leadership of Pr Leonardo.