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“Be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons”



In June, we hosted a “lanche” (afternoon tea time) for our ladies and learned several spiritual lessons from flamingos such as *keeping our balance in our homes, work places, and ministries* and *letting our identity as a Christ-follower be apparent* (would you recognize a flamingo as a flamingo if it appeared as any other color?) It was a sweet time of fellowship and prayer over the details of each other’s lives.

8th summer youth camp



Many hours of planning, preparation, and prayer go into our summer youth camps. The fruit is always plenteous, as are Satan’s attacks. It is often surprising the difficult and serious obstacles we sometimes face during this week, but I have to say, this year was one of the most tranquil. At least eight kids made salvation decisions and many made commitments to follow Christ in specific areas of their life. One girl was saved at camp several years ago and it was her desire to be baptized at the lake there. Several members of the Portalegre church came for the evening service on Friday night to celebrate with her in baptism. It was a sweet time.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

As we travel on furlough, we extend the invitation at each church to visit Portugal on a missions trip. Missions trips are a tool used by God in many ways. It encourages the missionaries on the field and assists them in the work they are doing, but it also gives the church members a global vision of what God is doing outside of their local boundaries. Many current, career missionaries were called to foreign missions or their particular field while on a missions trip. These experiences also further church members’ understanding of spreading the gospel on foreign soil and it deepens their burden for reaching the lost and for uplifting and supporting their missionaries in order to do so. We had a team from Overland Park Baptist Temple, Overland Park Kansas, join us this month to assist our Portuguese churches in youth camp. It was a great help to us and a joy to host them. We are grateful for what they gave of themselves (their time, their effort, their work, and their finances) to be involved in our ministry. We trust it was a positive experience for them as well. Should your church be interested in sending a team next summer, we would be happy to send you some information concerning ministry opportunities and the cost involved.



“well done, thou good and faithful servant...”



What a joy to celebrate with Valerie’s parents, Lionel and Carol Martin, as they received recognition for having served in Portugal for 30 years as BBFI missionaries.

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