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## BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

It is always a pleasure to baptize believers who want to follow the Lord and publicly display their commitment to Christ... we welcomed two first-time visitors who have declined an invitation many times but accepted the invitation to come to this special event.



## SCHOOL'S OUT: HERE COMES SUMMER!

This is the fourth year we have provided English classes at our church to use as a tool to make new contacts. Each year our number of students grows and this year we have three different levels available. This has proven to be an excellent way to make our community aware of our presence and even to share the gospel. Though we teach from a curriculum and do not teach "Bible lessons" in class, we have repeatedly had the opportunity to share the gospel with our students. Just last week, Lionel's class asked him the differences between the Catholic church and Baptist church, which led to a 30 minute, interactive conversation. No one was threatened or offended since they were soliciting the information. This is exactly what we hope and pray for! (Beau's class taking their final test this year – below).



Through these classes we have also been able to promote our summer youth camp ministries which have also grown in number every single year. This ministry has brought much fruit over the years and many souls saved! Though we think we do an excellent job of keeping expenses to a minimum at only 40 euros/camper, it is still out of reach for some families. Minimum wage in Portugal is 150/week, which many people make. Even a doctor's salary is only \$36,000/year. For this reason, we "subsidize" the cost of camp by half (or more), charging only 20 euros/camper. If your church would like to help with this expense by **sponsoring a camper**, that would be a tremendous blessing. We expect to have the most campers we have had this year, especially with the **opening of our youth center last month**, which has gone fabulously well so far. We have made 25 new contacts, whose parents have signed the permission forms for them to "hang out" with us. We have even had some parents stop by to chat. We are hosting our **first "youth rally"** since its opening on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Several other churches are invited and we would certainly appreciate your prayers for this activity!



Thank you for your faithful prayers and support, and for being used by the Lord in a global endeavor!

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