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2 BOOK DAY

Children from our Sítio Caroá school commemorated Book Day by having a reading day while sat in the shade of trees.

Our Action Schools children are all encouraged to develop the habit of reading daily, in the classroom, at home and at church.

This has given extremely significant results in the school development of our children and teenagers who all benefit from the project.



Child Evangelism Courses

Three Children's Evangelism training courses took place in the churches at Patos, Barra de Oitis and Tavares, with church members and teachers from nine Action Schools and churches.

The purpose of the meetings was to learn new ways of placing the Gospel into the hearts of the little ones, so they can grow in the knowledge of Jesus. All agreed it was an enriching day, with many new ideas.

The Patos church then had their church full with children so the teachers could put into practice immediately what they had learnt!



Delivery by Donkey

We don't have reindeer, but we do have a good local substitute!

Florzinha runs a donkey cart delivery service through the streets of Patos, with a donkey called Popeye! She is a good friend of Liz and helped her by discreetly distributing some of the food hampers to the poorest of the poor in time for Christmas.



Itaporanga Mission

Every year 120 people from our churches go on a mission during the school summer holiday (which is in our winter).

For 10 days they live in a basic school, sleep on mattresses on the floor, cook their own food, pray and share together. This year they were based in Itaporanga and walked the whole of the town and through five neighbourhood rural villages, sharing about Jesus. Every night there was a service with praise, choreography, a play, and the gospel was preached.

They were blessed days of evangelism, sharing the Word of God door-to-door, holding services and children's events. There were 42 new commitments and 7 people came back to the Lord! Please pray for the local church who now have the responsibility to nurture the new Christians.

Matheus was studying for a masters degree in physics in Joao Pessoa when he went on a 10-day outreach a few years ago. While sharing the Gospel with the townspeople he heard the call of God and, now with his wife, Hortencia, is pastor at our Evangelical Action church in Soledade.



Another Well

Our latest well drilled at Caroá has produced a 3,500 litre-per-hour well, and will now be equipped with a submerged electric pump, water tank, animal drinking water trough and community taps. The wells always change people's lives by improving their health, as well for their animals, who can go to their own trough any time in the day and night.



Indigenous Indians

300 years ago colonists farmers increasingly herded their cattle frontier westwards, up into the Umã Hills and found several groups of indigenous Indians living there.

There were many confrontations, but their existence was recorded. 150 years ago all information about them ceased. It was not until 1943 the Atikum Indians emerged, asking the government for recognition of their lands.

It appears that African slaves who escaped from their owners hid themselves in the hills too, and they inter-married with the Indians. Now they are settled in 20 villages with a population of 3,582 individuals, their native language having been forgotten, and only speaking Portuguese.

Atikum houses are built of mud and sticks or bricks. They exist by hunting wild animals and picking wild berries and fruits.

On 29th August we inaugurated a new well at the Indians' reservation of Aldeia Atikun in the county of Carnaubeira da Penha county in the state of Pernambuco. This is another successful well drilled, installed, equipped and functioning for the glory of God and for the benefit of a very needy community.

A church is being planted in the region which has no denominational name. National WEC missionaries Leo and family are who lead this work, and we did the well in partnership with them. 417 people receive water from this well.



OUR SOCIAL WORKER

We sent our social worker, Marah Danielle, on a marathon trip to Sao Paulo (2,668 km, 1658 miles) in the south of Brazil.

First of all, she spoke at the 4th '60+ Conference' with 180 participants. She spoke about our churches and projects in the north-east, and this generated much interest among the delegates.

She then travelled to Aracaju (600 km, 373 miles), to the RENAS conference which unites churches and NGOs who share our interest in integral mission, uniting church planting and evangelism with social action projects.

She also spoke at this event.

It is so good for EAB which is isolated up in the north-eastern semi-arid region to have contact and fellowship with brethren down south.



BIBLE DAY

Matureia Church and School organised a special event in honour of Bible Day. They formed a parade with the local marching town band and dancers. They walked from the church to the town centre where they held an openair service to promote the reading of the Bible.



New Bathroom

Another bathroom has been completed in the Community of Barra de Oitis at Luciano and Leila's house!

The inhabitants of this very poor village are descendants of African slaves who were brought to Brazil to work in the sugar plantations.



Honorary Citizen

John and Liz travelled up into the mountains to Matureia for a ceremony at the town council for John to receive honorary citizenship.

The council even had the town's band to play for them! Our local pastor Renilson, and his wife Getiane, were there with them, and they also received an award for their service to Matureia.

Afterwards they were all served with some very tasty food.

John has now received honorary citizenships from 5 towns: Patos, Imaculada, São Mamede, Manaira and Matureia.

He also has received honorary citizenship of the whole State of Paraíba back in 2004.

It is a joy to serve God and one's fellow man.



Forty Baptisms

Evangelical Action churches have had a wonderful time this spring as many people were baptized by immersion to signify their faith in Jesus Christ.

At Catolé 12 people were baptized, and there have also been baptisms at Imaculada (5), Vazante (1), Juru (8), and Patos (10) plus another 4 at their carnival camp. We thank God for so many giving lovely testimonies and witnessing to their faith in Jesus.



Walk of Witness

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On the first Sunday afternoon of the year about a hundred members from the Patos church went on a walk of witness around the central streets of Patos with a big banner saying 'Happy New Year with Christ!'

They had a loudspeaker vehicle playing Christian songs, everyone had white balloons and they distributed Gospel tracts as they passed people in their homes.

The whole event went wonderfully well. When they got back to the church they had a good time of prayer together, praying for those reached by the walk of witness.



Ipueira Outreach

The youth from the Patos church, accompanied by members of the Christians in Action Ministry, were supporting the work in Ipueira, where EAB has a regular church open-air meeting.

The group spent the afternoon visiting various houses in the surrounding town, praying and preaching the word of God. In the evening they held an evangelistic service in the square when Pastor Raphael ministered the message. It was a blessed evening!

Otoniel

It was lovely for Otoniel, a former sponsored child at our Itaporanga Action School, to now be loving Jesus.

He plays guitar in the João Pessoa church band and at their special events, as well as helping a lot in the church.



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Evangelical Action Brazil ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Saturday 25th October 2025

Speakers: John & Liz Medcraft

Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley Green,
Hardley, Southampton SO45 3NZ

Tea at 6pm - Service at 7pm

It would be good to see you there!



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