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It is wonderful to have a spacious and extremely clean kitchen at the Patos church which is well used by various ministry activities.

It was donated in memory of Liz's mother, Ivy Dyer, and is called "Mum's Kitchen".

It has a large industrial cooker, a fridge-freezer, cupboards, and everything the church needs to host church events, as well as feeding the poor by regular soup runs.

Mum's kitchen was entirely funded by Liz's brother in Switzerland in memory of his mum Ivy Dyer.



Father's Day

The second Sunday in August is Father's Day in Brazil. At the evening service in Patos, John preached on "A father after the heart of God". It was a lovely service at which the children and teenagers beautifully took part, and was followed by food and squash for all the dads!



Soup Run

The latest Soup Run was prepared at the Patos Church by a team who spent the afternoon preparing the nutritious chicken and vegetable soup in a giant cauldron.

They carefully transported it to a very poor borough on the outskirts of the city called 'Cangote do Urubu' (The Vulture's Neck).

People queued up with their bowls to receive the soup and rolls and gratefully went away with smiles on their faces, and in their hands was their bowl of soup, a roll and a Gospel tract.



Our Soup Run team was out again distributing a delicious thick chicken soup to the needy in the Rua do Meio area of Patos distributing 70 meals together with gospel tracts.

What was especially interesting was the way the people asked for prayer from the team. One lady was heartbroken as she had just had her 3 children taken away from her as she had been drunk and disorderly and unable to care from them.



Three more Toilet/Shower Units

A new toilet/shower unit has been built for Damião, Márcia and their 5 children at the village of Tamanduá in the municipality of Vazante. Márcia burst into tears of joy when she received it saying "this changes everything in our lives"!

The second recent toilet was built at the Barra de Oitis Community for Raimundo, Felícia and their 3 children. The third toilet was built at Patuscada Community for Deusimar, Camila and their little boy Antonio aged 2. Deusimar is away orange picking in the south of Brazil now in order to survive. Thank you for your support and for your prayers which change needy people's lives for the glory of God.



Baptism

A Baptism taking place one Sunday morning at Felipe in the state of Ceará, which is 370 km north-west of Patos.



Amy's Trip to Brazil

I had the privilege of visiting Brazil for two weeks in January as part of my theology degree, with a view to experiencing outreach work. My time there was very busy seeing the work that EAB/ACEV does, with so many opportunities to see God at work in the communities throughout Paraíba. I visited churches, schools, wells, toilets and market gardens with the best tour guides - John and Liz!



One of the places I visited was Barra de Oitis, where many people are descendants of slaves who escaped and formed their own communities. Here EAB has built many toilets and market gardens to help the locals earn an income.

One farmer showed me how to pick corn because he wanted me to do "real work", before welcoming me into their house for a glass of soda.

I then joined the youth outreach mission in Soledade, spending our time living in a school, holding street services and going out knocking door to door to tell people about Jesus. One woman we met went to church every Sunday, but when we asked why Jesus died on the cross, she said she didn't know. We talked and prayed with her, and she began to cry, saying she had never felt such peace. Moments like this showed me how tangible the presence of the Holy Spirit can be.

Although I do not speak Portuguese, I could still see and feel God moving through the people we met and the times of worship together. I loved getting to know the young people from churches across the network and seeing their joy for spreading the gospel. They were so welcoming to me and we had lots of fun exploring Soledade and eating açaí (a frozen fruit desert with toppings).

I'm so grateful to everyone who made this trip possible. There are far too many stories and memories to tell you about, but I am incredibly thankful for the experience and for everything that God has taught me through it.

Amy



Ipueira Church

Just 25 miles (40 kms) from Patos, is the town of Ipueira where the local congregation, led by Deacon Dedé, is building a new church. The foundations have been built and now the walls are erected and the roof is on!

If anyone can help complete the new church, we need 6 windows at £100 each and 4 doors at £300 each.

Donations can be paid into our bank account or sent to the EAB treasurer (details on the back page). Last week we put the roof on the church. We hope to inaugurate the church before the end of the year.



Bible Colleges

Please pray for our Bible College at Campina Grande Catolé called SETEBRAE, which has 37 students preparing for Christian ministry. Please also pray for our leadership training used by some of our churches online in partnership with the ISBL Bible College and the FTSA Bible College in Londrina (PA) in the south of Brazil. May God raise up an army of young pastors and leaders to spread the Gospel in northeast Brazil!

New Market Garden

One of the difficulties in setting up a new market garden for poor farmers is being able to get water to the site. At the latest project, which has been started in the Escorregada Community at Princesa Isabel, 2,000 metres of hosepipe for irrigation and 360 metres of piping was donated to improve water supply to a new water tank built on site, to enable drip irrigation direct to the crops.

This has made an incredible difference to Reginaldo and Elane. They have been planting corn and other vegetables as well as Paw-paw trees but now can grow a variety of vegetables as well as plant donated Guava and mango tree seedlings. They are so grateful as they see God's love in action in blessings received as well as an increase in their income



Church Planting

In August both John and his son Philip, took part in the weekly men's fellowship meeting which was held at our school on the south side of Patos where they are seeking to establish a second Patos church.

They had a very interesting speaker talking about the dangers of excessive mobile phone usage. It was encouraging to see two men taking part from the local community of Jatobá.

The weekly evening street service is held in front of our school and is quite well attended by the local community.

Please pray for this school and for the planting of a branch church in this southern borough of Patos.



Prison Visits

The Life Squad visits the town's men's prison twice a month where 400 men are incarcerated. The Gospel is shared and slowly men are responding one by one.

Film Crew

One day John was filmed by a professional film crew talking about the origins and history of the work in Brazil. The crew were making a film about our school up in the mountains at Matureia, which is going wonderfully well.

The film will be shown at a Film Festival and is a great opportunity for the Gospel. The film's first showing took place in the middle of September.



Matureia Action School

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Getiane is the headteacher at Matureia Action School. The school has 242 children and is going very well as they offer educational, social and spiritual support for the hundreds of children in their care for the glory of God.

On top of their regular lessons, RE lessons and meals, they also run special workshops teaching guitar, ballet, regional country dancing, handcraft work to make beautiful sandals, martial-arts jiu-jitsu and football.

Their children joined the 4th Protection Walk held in Matureia, which promoted awareness about the protection of children and adolescents on the internet, with the theme "Protected and connected: together against online sexual violence".



An Amazing School!

Once a year every school in Brazil is checked by the Ministry of Education to ensure standards are not only maintained but rising (IDEB in Brazil & OFSTED in the UK). Once again our 'Pastor Frank Dyer School' in Patos has been classified in first place for primary schools in Patos.

Thanks go to all the teachers and staff but especially headteacher Gerlânia for her professional leading of the school and love of the children. Gerlânia is on the far left of the photo.



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EAB's Digital Christmas Gifts

The time has come for EAB's Christmas Gift Scheme to come into operation in 2026.

Many poor people have been blessed at Christmas in northeast Brazil through this scheme, so please help us to help them again this year.

The digital Christmas Card Scheme will be the same as last year. A copy of the Scheme has been included in this magazine, but if you want more you can photocopy it or download it from the website: www.eabrazil.org

You choose the items you want to purchase and tell us which email you want us to send a Christmas Card (ecard) to. EAB will then send a Christmas ecard to them as requested.

Please see the enclosed leaflet for full instructions.



Make a difference with EAB

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