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Newsletter



With gratitude to God for the year that is ending, I present to you some activities carried out together with the Portuguese Methodist Church. In my missionary activities, I have had the opportunity to contribute to the Portuguese Methodist Church in various areas, such as in the coordination of the Instituto Bíblico Teológico Metodista; as a member of the Ministry of Mission and Evangelization; in the national commission for children and adolescents; as invited pastor to accompany the Department of Methodist Women.

Monthly I hold a meeting with the employees of the National Headquarters, carrying out a discipleship. This time has been a pleasant time; a time for sharing experiences and strengthening relationships and spiritual growth.

Portuguese Methodist Youth meet Ukrainian immigrants

Portuguese and Ukrainian refugee children and adolescents met in August 2022 in an initiative of the leaders of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The Portuguese group had the opportunity to listen to the experiences of young Ukrainians who have been dealing with specific difficulties caused by war like living in another country, learning to speak another language, living in a different culture, being far from home and family.



Biblical reflection was based on the book of Joshua and the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls.

Rev. Patrícia preaches at a meeting that brought together methodist women in Portugal



About 50 women from Methodist churches in Portugal gathered in September for a weekend of biblical reflection and, why not, as well as some fun.

In that meeting, I preached about our relationship with God, with our neighbors and with ourselves.

I felt honored and grateful for being invited to speak at that meeting.

Portuguese Biblical Institute has classes given by Brazilian professors

As a former student and also a former professor at Methodist University of São Paulo, I managed to get an agreement between the IBTM, Instituto Bíblico Teológico Metodista, in Portugal, and the Faculty of Theology of the Methodist Church in Brazil.

The agreement foresees that



Brazilian professors will teach remotely (via videocall) and also offers the possibility for Portuguese students to spend a few weeks studying in Brazil.

The IBTM currently has around 60 students who are preparing to serve God and the Church through pastorate or diakonia.

Methodists across the country meet for the first time after the pandemic due to *Covid-19*



On November 19 , in the city of Vila Nova de Gaia, members of the Portuguese Methodist Church met for the first time after the Pandemic due to Covid 19. The theme *Committed to Christ* was addressed by all participants including the children, who presented a reflection and a song at the closing service. Leading the work team and being together with the children was a missionary activity that gave me great joy.

Immigrants helped by the *Social Action Project* bring joy to the life of the Church



Some of the people who receive donations of clothing and food from the church's Social Action Project have been attending the church.

Their presence has brought a spiritual renewal and a new social awareness to the community.

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