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## JUNE WAS A MONTH FULL OF ADVENTURE!

With the world cup and São João both happening this month, we had lots of fun cultural experiences. We also had great ministry opportunities this month that we would like to share with you!

We took a trip to a small city in the interior for “Sao João” (A Brazilian holiday)



## A NEW BROTHER IN CHRIST

Last newsletter I shared with you all that we had started studying with Emerson. We met him through our english ministry “Bible Club” when we first got here. Emerson was always interested in the studies we had and liked hanging out with us. We started studying and after 1 month he decided to give his life to Christ. He grew up in a catholic home, but as an adult never felt content with what he had learned growing up. He went many places searching for God including buddhism and other denominations that left him still feeling like he wanted more. He is very excited about his new life in Christ and we are excited to already be seeing his spiritual growth! Please pray for him during this time of foundational growth as a young Christian.



# OUR ADVENTURES



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1. Us at the World Cup game! We saw USA v Ghana in Natal, Brazil.
2. Us celebrating "São João" in a small city where Emerson is from. We had so much fun!
3. Jenny with some of the women from the Church getting ready to cheer on Brazil!

## Natal Mission Trip

We went with the AME students on a week long mission trip to Natal, a city about 2.5 hours north of us. It was a pleasure to work along side such a great congregation during the whole week.

Natal is called "the sun city" most logically because it is indeed very sunny and hot there year round. During our week in natal we were able to feed homeless people, do house visits, evangelize on the college campus, and pass out fliers. Two things we enjoyed most was handing out food to the homeless and evangelizing on the college campus.

It was a different experience to be with the homeless people here in Brazil. Honestly, we had never done it before. In America we have both helped in soup kitchens, but in Brazil it's more dangerous because the places homeless people stay are usually dark alleys that not even Brazilians feel safe going into let alone blonde hair blue eyed Americans! The church in Natal arranges for them to come to a place close to them, that is on a street

that is well lit. We gave them soup, sang songs, and shared a short message, but I think the part they enjoyed most was the hugs. All of them wanted hugs at the end, and it made us wonder if that was the only hug these people would receive all week?

Evangelizing on the college campus was also a great experience. We basically used what we have been doing with the AME students here in João Pessoa and showed the church in Natal how we did it. In two days we were able to set up over 40 Bible studies to be continued by the church leaders in Natal!

## Bible Hour

We started a third English Bible club on the university called Bible Hour. So not to confuse you we have Bible Club, Bible Friends, and Bible Hour, three different clubs in different locations. We gave out pamphlets and posted up fliers in hope that people would come. We ended up having 23 people! Please continue to pray for all of our English ministries and that it brings more people to Christ like Emerson.



The students who came to the first Bible Hour