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What we do: Maximising the capability of the many existing projects in Recife and harnessing local knowledge and expertise.

To our wonderful friends and family,

Community Market

The Community Market is up and running! We held the first one in April and have been holding it every Friday since. We are SO grateful for all your encouragement and support that's got us here. What a six months it's been!

Back in February we had the first bit of amazing news – getting our first supermarket on board. It took much longer than we expected, but we're delighted that we now have a partnership with Quitandaria, a supermarket chain that specialises in fruit and veg. Not only are we excited that it's fruit and veg, as they are often deemed the luxuries that are pricier, but we are passionate about well-being and know how much good nutrition makes a difference. Thank you God!



Quitandaria on board

Much of March was spent walking around Aguazinha with a couple of wonderful women from the local church, Agua Viva, who are willing volunteers at the market. We went to visit families who live in the most basic shack houses and live with high food insecurity, introducing the idea of the market and registering those who were interested. It's been eye-opening and, as you can probably imagine, difficult to see the great poverty these families live in.

We also spent a lot of time preparing the building for the market: cleaning, painting, varnishing – making it a welcoming place. Rosie especially loves the painting, so although it was tiring work, we had fun doing it too!

It's not been an easy journey getting to this point. We've had a whole range of emotions with lots of obstacles to overcome, many of which have left us upset and frustrated, a mixture of exhaustion, tiredness, disappointment, relief, gratitude and joy! But it's also very humbling realising that we can't rely on our own strength and having to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Since the market has started, it has gone really well! We decided to invite half of the 20 families we initially registered as the nature of surplus food is that it's impossible to know how much we'll have from one week to the next. We've so far been blessed to have more than enough food meaning that all the families have been going home with full shopping bags and we have the confidence to invite more families. Please do pray that we can get some more supermarkets on board so that the project can bless more and more families.

We want to say a HUGE thank you to all those of you who have so generously contributed to our fundraiser!

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**With Jesus
With each other
To the edges**



If you haven't heard about it through our monthly newsletters, do get in touch with us directly to hear more about this.

Please do pray for continued relationships with ReVive and the church Agua Viva that the first market is being run alongside. We have some amazing volunteers who are so dedicated, and we want to encourage the whole church to support it and empower them to take ownership.

Meeting the wonderful families that come along to the market always gives us perspective. Despite their hardships their joy is their strength – they are full of jokes and are a lot of fun! It is such a blessing and a privilege to be able to journey with these women.

ReVive

There's lots going on at ReVive as always! We've received new children and said goodbye to a few too, which is wonderful when you

know they're going to a good home, but hard when they've chosen to leave into a situation that isn't the best for them. You can find out more about the children on our monthly newsletter at thebayfords.com or at revive-international.org.

We continue to cook with the girls' house each week, which keeps us in the loop. We join the weekly prayer meetings and work in the offices there so have good contact with the children and staff most days.

O Farol

Our church, O Farol, has just turned four years old, which means that we're some of the longer-standing members there (since 2019 though granted with a good chunk of time back in the UK!).

Stu plays keys at church and we're both involved in their social outreach. We are hoping to set up a second market with them in the V8 community but are still in the process of setting up the charity status of the church.

Health

We've both had our booster vaccines, and the state have finally allowed us to be mask-free which is wonderful in this heat – and so nice to see people's faces when meeting them for the first time too!

Please pray for our health as we keep picking up bugs. Rosie is currently ill with what we think may be mild dengue but is seeing a doctor tomorrow. Please pray for protection from illness and disease.

CMS

We've started the process to go longer-term with CMS – please do hold this in your prayers. We've also been getting involved in planning for the Latin America conference next year, and we spoke at the CMS Yorkshire conference recently too!

As always, we are so so grateful for all your love and support.

Much love and God bless,

Rosie and Stu x



Photos from top to bottom: Preparing the room; Community Market up and running; Cooking with the girls; Us.



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