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During the “Cristoval” retreat we have every year, I played cards with some of our church members. I had fun “showing off” shuffling the cards. Some of the Brazilians, I think, have never seen it done before. I also tried to explain how to play euchre. It was a real challenge for me. But we were able to play a couple of hands. But I don’t think they were very impressed. I was thinking it could be a game we could play during our fellowship time at group. They haven’t said anything about playing since the retreat!

I introduce the theme “The Christian Life” for this months’ series. I preached from 1 John4. I talked about the importance of the confession of Jesus. I talked about it as one of the earliest doctrines of the church. The other point I made was the obligation we have to love one another. In Jesus’s prayer in John 17 he said that loving each other would be a sign to the world that Jesus came into the world.



This is our adult small group. We have about 15 to 18. It’s a large group. I have measured my growth in terms of language over the years by how well I share in the group. In the beginning it was very nerve wracking. It was difficult! Now, I have more confidence. I’m more relaxed. Some times I think I say things well. Other times I know I don’t. But I think the real growth is, in this situation it doesn’t bother me as much as it used to. I love this group. I love how we worship together.



Baptism



I’ve been playing the bass now for several months. I’m getting the hang of it somewhat. New songs with a nice rhythm and tempo in a key that have under my fingers, are relatively easy to learn. On the other hand, slower songs with a slower tempo are still challenging. It still takes some study to get it down. So, If I don’t have it down perfect, I have been turning it over to Jesus and trust him. That works remarkably well!

ok My friends that's a short update. I really appreciate each of you taking the time to connect through the news letter. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you for all your support! I'm praying for BREAKTHROUGH for all of you! Jesus loves you and so do I!