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HARP summer Camp Love God with Fun

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The 2012 Summer Camp had 52 children this year, one of the largest number registered in Portugal. Consisting mainly of SG and Jacob children, the number was completed with kids of new guests, as a way to educate them inside our community. The camp was sponsored by FFWPU and the participants paid a share.

Sunday 22 of July we had the kick-in meeting at the Peace Embassy and starting from that moment all the camp unfolded rapidly as days became hours. We hardly felt the time and as all the good things ended too quickly.

The location we choose was a camping site near Setubal city, with good condition and relatively easy access to the sea. All the participants were distributed in about 12 tends and this year we had a bigger tend for the kitchen.



The groups were made according to age, so we had from 6 to 10, from 11 to 13 and from 14 to 18. During the 5 days we had conferences embracing various topics related with providence, good character, etc.

We had the chance to present the topics in different places around the camp. One of the nights we divided all above 12 in girls and boys groups and had a discussion about sexuality conducted by our SG elders.



Every morning we had morning service and had HDH reading TF autobiography. We used the time to comment about our lives and what it is the important attitude to have.



Games and fun were an important part of the whole program.



Of course going to the beach was a very attractive moment of the schedule.



We all enjoyed and forgot all about our stress and daily routine. It was one of the best camps. WE observed that it is different working with a wide range of children. Since the number is growing we will consider about the next years what is important, number or quality and if including new children is the best way or just focus on the core SG and Jacob children. The camp finished without major incidents and with a strong desire of the participants to be included on the next camps/workshops. We concluded with prayer, Tongil and 3 cheers of Ok Mansei.

