## **ALENCARS PRAYER LETTER**

## "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all Flesh, is anything too hard for me?" Jeremias 32:27

Dear Faithful Supporter,

## SPRING 2020

Greetings from Northeast Brazil in the precious name of Jesus.

In these past months we faced many changes, but today we are facing the greatest change with the arrival of the Corona virus right here in our city of Fortaleza. The corvid-19 virus is especially affecting the below poverty level in slums in this city of three million people. With the lockdown and orders of isolation many have not even been able to buy food as they have no extra resources and live from "hand to mouth". In this time of uncertainty we were led to pray and seek a way to help. A few people from our church immediately responded and together with our own love gift we were able to purchase food for thirty-six needy families of young people from the soccer outreach. Paulo took the food to church and it was divided into bags and delivered to these homes.

There is so much we cannot see as to what lies ahead, but we feel this is just the beginning stage of a huge crisis and we look to God for direction in these days of trials and hardship. Please pray with us that these families will truly desire to surrender their lives to Jesus.



**CHURCH** – Our church continues going forward in the outreach in needy communities. Pray as we strive to obtain growth not only in number but especially in our goal to disciple believers who will be able to lead the church in the various capacities and gifts that God has given them, because "the fields are white unto harvest but laborers are few." Pray for strength and wisdom as we continue reaching the youth for Christ through the **soccer ministry**. Now with the lockdown, we have to pause as we wait until any gatherings will be allowed.



**HOUSE OF HOPE** - Praise the Lord for pastor Erivelto that has come to take the place of Pastor Nelson with the responsibilities in the rehabilitation home, as Pastor Nelson went to be with the Lord. Pray for us as we share God's Word with these women. We know it is only through the power of the Gospel and conviction through the Holy Spirit that these lives can be delivered from this bondage. In the rehabilitation home each woman has the opportunity to surrender their life to Jesus and leave their addictions that are destroying their lives and families.

**FAMILY** - No matter the age we miss our children and pray for God's leading in their lives. In January our youngest son started college in the USA. Pray for **Jonathan** as he had been studying in Brazilian school for the past 5 years and now he is adjusting to studying in English and adjusting to dorm life. Last week he got a job on campus in the ABEKA office in exchange of room and board. Now his classes are online.

**Jason** is working in New Jersey as assistant director of Day Camp Sunshine. Pray for him as he has had health issues due to Lyme disease. A few weeks ago he recovered from a virus.

Our daughter **Joyce** and her husband, just started teaching the 4 and 5 year olds at the Baptist Church they joined in Florida. Pray for their safety in this time of crisis as they both work in hospitals.

Now that we are empty nesters, we have moved from a spacious house to an apartment. Pray as we adjust to this change. Pray also for my wife **Janis** as she needs to take care of some urgent dental work.

**THANK YOU** - We would like to acknowledge your important part in our ministry through your prayers and financial support. **Thank you** for investing in lives in Northeast Brazil. Words cannot express our gratitude for God's provisions through you.

In His Service,

Paul and Janis Alencar.



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