ALENCARS NEWSLETTER

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"And hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:5

Dear Faithful Supporter,

Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus from Northeast Brazil.

FAMILY - **Joyce** is back to work after being off for two months as her floor was considered elective procedures during this time. Amos continues working at Baptist Hospital and studying for his degree as RN.

Jason is working as assistant director at Day Camp Sunshine in New Jersey. He is busy with preparations for camp which begins on July 6^{th.}

Jonathan concluded his first semester at Pensacola Christian College. He stayed on campus after the classes were switched to online and worked at the ABEKA office in exchange of room and board. He will be flying to New Jersey to be with his brother and work as counselor at the camp.

CHURCH - Since March we have not been able to meet at our church due to **COVID 19**. During this time many were discouraged, fearful and anxious. We have been using social media to communicate with our church family. Every Wednesday and Sunday, Paul delivers messages to encourage and uplift the people in our congregation. In this time of difficulties God's Word is such a wonderful source of encouragement and hope.





The lockdown here has become stricter with the increase of the virus. It is heartbreaking how the corrupt political parties are using this occasion for their own benefit, instead of truly helping the people. During this time, many families from the poverty stricken slum communities have been suffering from lack of food, as they live from hand to mouth. We saw this time of crisis as a great opportunity to reach out to the slums near our church, taking food to the most vulnerable, to demonstrate Christ's love. Join us in prayer for hearts to be open and receptive to the Gospel at this time.



An interesting incident happened recently. The much feared drug dealer (whose nickname is Chucky), sent word that he wanted to talk to us. Brother Everardo went over to see this man. He just wanted to express his gratitude for what we were doing for the families in the community. He said we are welcome to use a location in the slum to teach the youth. There were tears in this man's eyes as brother Everardo explained the Gospel to him. Please pray for him (Chucky), to truly surrender his life to Jesus.

Thank you so very much for your participation in our lives and ministry over the years. We are humbled and grateful for your generous contributions which have helped bring food to hungry families at this time. We praise God for the opportunity to take the Gospel message of hope to those in darkness and distress. Pray that many may find hope in the midst of this storm.

We are seeing **COVID 19**'s deadly impact spread all around the globe! Our thoughts and prayers are also with you in the circumstances and challenges you may be facing now.

Because He Lives,

Paulo and Janis Alencar.

