

# ALENCAR'S NEWSLETTER

FALL 2020

*"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."  
Prov.16:9*

Dear Faithful Supporter,

Who imagined at the beginning of this year that 2020 would turn out like this? We have certainly learned that nothing is certain in this world. But how we praise God that He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever! We trust that you are resting in Him and confident that He is directing your steps.

**FAMILY** – The time for Paulo to renew his visa came exactly in the middle of this pandemic. We were able to make a brief trip to the States and we praise God that the visa (green card) was renewed. During our time in Florida at Joyce and Amos house we all got the COVID virus and were quarantined for fourteen days with them. We are now back in Brazil praising God for all His provisions during this quick trip.



**HOUSE OF HOPE** – During this pandemic we had a limited number of women in the rehabilitation home. Now there are thirteen women in the home.

Yesterday, Daniel, a young man from the state of Oregon that is spending three months in Brazil, shared his testimony at the rehabilitation home.

The women were especially challenged and encouraged with a brief video Daniel shared from his mother of how she overcame her drug addiction by surrendering her life to Jesus!

They were blessed with this testimony of God's amazing grace, love and transforming power to bring new life and freedom from the drug addictions.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work in these lives bringing them to salvation.

*Daniel, sharing at the  
Rehabilitation Home*



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**CHURCH** – After six months without meetings we will be back on the first Sunday of October at our church building for our gatherings to worship together. We are excited and looking forward to this time where we will be seeing each other personally instead of virtual meetings through a screen. During the time we did not have our meetings at church, we have reached out to the most vulnerable families in the slum near our church helping them with some basic needs.

In our last letter we mentioned how Chucky, the drug lord in the slum, sent word that he wanted to talk with us. He expressed his gratitude for what we were doing to help the families in his community. The Lord is working in this man's heart and he already took his first big step and renounced his position as drug lord. Chucky said he does not understand what is happening to him because he no longer feels the desire to seek vengeance towards those he considered as his enemies. He still is required by the authorities to wear an electronic tag on his ankle and he is only allowed to be near his home. Even with his limitations he shows a great desire to help us by encouraging the youth to come to soccer training and Bible study in the slum. Please pray for Junior (Chucky) to completely surrender his life to Jesus, so he can be greatly used as an instrument for God's glory.



**Chucky in red shirt with the kids he brought to bible class.**

We thank God for all He has done and all that is being accomplished in many lives by the power of the Gospel. We praise God for His sustaining love and mercies that are new every morning. Thank you for your prayers as we move forward with the calling God has for us in taking this mighty message of hope, which many are waiting to hear. Thank you for your financial support that makes it possible to accomplish more towards Christ kingdom in this part of the world.

In Christ's Love,

Paul and Janis Alencar.

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