

ALENCAR'S NEWSLETTER

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“For my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou preparest before the face of all people; ...” Luke 2: 30

Dear Faithful supporter,

FAMILY – Our son, Jason, came to Fortaleza for one week for his cousin Nicole's wedding. She and her fiancé Marcos worked with Jason at Day Camp Sunshine in New Jersey. Jonathan also arrived in Brazil in time for the wedding. He will continue his classes online and Lord willing return to the USA for another semester in January. We are happy to have our sons here with us “filling our empty nest” at this time.

MINISTRY - This has been a challenging year. On October 4th we returned to our regular meetings at our church building on Sundays and Wednesday nights. Some people are still afraid to leave their homes. We have lost some families who became discouraged after this COVID-19 pandemic. It feels like a time of "sifting" and we will see who remains strong and will work together with us towards the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

A challenging thing we face is the clashing of political parties and Christians that in fear of losing benefits or a job, choose candidates who are against Biblical values and belong to communist parties. Pray as we strive to encourage and challenge our church during this time.

Please keep praying for (Chucky) the drug dealer that is open to the gospel. As a result, about 80 kids stopped selling drugs. He even talked to the new drug lord (Tractor) not to use the children to work for them carrying the drugs to buyers.

HOUSE OF HOPE – Now we are open to receive those that seek help. Every Monday we have Bible study at the Rehabilitation homes, first with the women and then with the men. Thank you for your prayers and support toward this ministry.

Pray for us to keep our minds and hearts sensitive to God's leading through His Word. Pray that we can make the most of the opportunities before us to lead others to Jesus. Pray especially that we can have strength, wisdom and direction as we seek to serve and lead our church closer to the Lord.

Thank you so very much for your prayers, support and encouragement through the years. Words cannot describe how much we praise and thank God for the privilege of serving together with you as co-laborers. Thank you for your part in helping us take the gospel message which is the power of God to salvation for all who believe.

We wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Blessed New Year!**

It is a privilege to celebrate our Savior's birth and rejoice in His redeeming love together with you through this letter. May each of you be filled with Christ's peace as you celebrate with your loved ones during this Christmas season.

Because He lives,

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