

THE ALENCAR' NEWSLETTER



“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Phil.4:7

Dear Faithful Supporters,

Yes, we are in the States. We are here for the renewal process of Paulo's green card. Since we minister outside the USA Paulo needs to reenter yearly and every ten years he has to submit the renewal application to receive a new card. Praise God we saw the expiration date in time to enter in the country. There have been many delays in this process since the pandemic, but we hope to return to Brazil soon.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be with Jason and Jonathan. Self-care and family life are so important not only to our ministry but also for our overall well-being. We are grateful for this short time here in New Jersey.

Jason is excited that Tatum finally arrived from Australia this past week and will be working at Day Camp Sunshine. They had hoped to have a wedding celebration this summer, but since her parents and friends cannot come for this special occasion, they will simply be married by a minister and have a couple of witnesses sign thus obtaining their marriage license and begin their lives as husband and wife. When borders hopefully open next year they will have a wedding ceremony. Join us in prayer for God's blessing upon this couple for this new beginning at the end of August.

Being in the States, feels like we had come home from war. We all know that the Christian life is a battle and spiritual warfare is a very real thing. Being on the front lines of church planting on a spiritually dark field has been a battle and it feels good to “be home from war”.

We rejoice that God has planted and is still growing and establishing a vibrant and beautiful local church in the city of Fortaleza. We were privileged to plant this church and to have pastored it for over four years. Pray with us for those who are preaching and taking over various responsibilities during our absence.

After a pause from the soccer outreach due to lockdown restrictions because of COVID, it is a blessing being able to be back to this ministry opportunity. Pray that the light of the Gospel may shine in this dark and challenging community, reaching the hearts of many young people. Pray for brother Everado as he leads this outreach.

I read a definition the other day of the biblical word blessed as “being endowed with success”. That struck me as exactly the state we are in and how we feel. We are so grateful to God for his faithfulness, kindness, and rich blessing on our lives, family and ministry. What a joy to reveal in all that God has done and how He has used us and blessed us over the years! Praise the Lord the Gospel is progressing at a good pace.

I've been preaching for more than thirty years. God's Word is not only infinite, it's inexhaustible! I love to preach about His love, to teach of His wisdom, to illustrate His mercy. But my favorite of all His divine attributes it's His amazing grace! It's like a magnet, always drawing people in. And I have devoted my life to preaching God's magnetic grace, because too many people say they believe in God's grace and yet, they never embrace it. *Believing in grace is one thing, living it is another.*

We are so thankful for how we can see God's faithfulness through your generosity and how that allows us to do the work of the Lord in Northeast Brazil. We praise God for such a faithful team of prayer partners and supporters and as always want you to know how much we appreciate your involvement in our ministry which wouldn't be possible without you!

Thank you for your faithfulness!

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray with us for those who are preaching and taking over various responsibilities during our absence.
- Pray specially for brother Everado as he leads the outreach in the community (Slum)
- Continue praying for Junior, the ex-drug dealer to surrender his life to Jesus.
- We would appreciate your prayers for those at the House of Hope (rehabilitation home). The couple that had been working at the House of Hope, moved to another state. Pray that God will provide another couple to assist us on this challenging ministry.
- Pray for Jason and Tatum as they have their wedding celebration this summer.
- Pray for our short time here in the States.