

Alencar's News Letter

Dear Faithful Supporters,

Fall, 2021

FAMILY - Yes, we got back in Brazil on September 26th. We spent four months in the USA for the renewal process of Paulo's green card. The process is slow because of the pandemic. But it was a blessing we could be there for Jason and Tatum's private wedding ceremony. We thank God for the special time with our family and for all His provisions.



MINISTRY - During our time in the USA we received word that a new drug lord took over the slum where we had an open door for ministry. We had eighty young people, mostly teenage boys, from that slum, participating in an outreach at our church on Saturdays. The new drug lord gave orders and threats and most of the boys went back to drug trafficking. It is discouraging to see the choice of this drug lord and his influence on the young people. We continue praying.

But, when one door closes, God opens another. We started bringing children from another slum to our Sunday School. We were shocked to know that even some of the younger children are already being trained to become leaders in this drug realm. In this new slum the drug lord is currently preparing eleven-year-old twin girls to be leaders. These girls' mother and father abandoned them, so they live mostly on their own, opening the door for the drug traffickers to "adopt" them. We are grateful to God that these girls are coming also to our Sunday school. Pray that we can reach these vulnerable children from broken families, before they are indoctrinated by the drug lords. Organized crime leaders are striving to get youth involved to the point of no return.



This past Saturday we had a special time with the children to celebrate "Children's Day" which is a big holiday in Brazil. Please pray for these children to choose to listen to God's Word and follow Jesus.



Please pray for us as we challenge our congregation to pray and get the vision of urgency in reaching this generation with the Gospel and make disciples. In this battle between darkness and light we are reminded of Jesus words in John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Thank you for encouraging us. We appreciate your prayers and financial support more than you know.

Serving Him together,

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