

# Newsletter

Dear Faithful Supporter,

Summer, 2022

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12

Many of you have prayed for “Chucky” the drug lord who stepped down and renounced his position. He had even encouraged the youth to come to the soccer training and Bible study, which contributed in helping young people to stop with their involvement in the sale and distribution of drugs. Unfortunately, it appears that he was just going through the motions. Now he shows no interest, and actually is going along with the decision of the current drug lord, that does not want “religious influence” in the slum. Because of the difficult circumstances, it was necessary for us to step back from that location.

We thank God for all He has done and all that was accomplished in many lives by the power of the Gospel. We praise God for His sustaining love and mercies that are new every morning.

We cannot describe the desperate needs around us. We know the reality, that tough times affect those in need. They struggle through rising inflation, lack of quality education, insufficient job opportunities and a drug epidemic that is killing people in record numbers. Healing is needed, and yet the world is turning ever more away from the one true source of ultimate healing — Jesus.

We move forward with the calling God has for us in taking this mighty message of hope, which many are waiting to hear. Pray that God will help us to effectively teach His Word to the children from another slum near our church, who are coming to our weekly services. Pray that their hearts may turn to Jesus where they can find genuine love and hope.

In a year that has been extremely tough, we are so thankful that you have not forgotten us. We cannot count the number of times this year we have thanked God for you. Your faithful prayers and financial contributions make it possible for us to continue here. Your support is an act of grace, pure and simple. It's also very encouraging. Thank you so much!

In His Service,

Paul and Janis Alencar.



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**Pray** for our church to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and bear fruit, making disciples.

**Pray** for wisdom in taking the Gospel to the children and youth living in poverty and destruction in the slums near the church

**Pray** we can find someone to help us at the women's rehabilitation home.

**Pray** for God to break strongholds for His glory.