

# THE ALENCAR' NEWSLETTER



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Dear Alencar' Prayer Warriors.

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In Isaiah 40:31 it says, "*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*"

Waiting is *not* wasted when waiting on the *Lord*. We have so much to be thankful for: our Savior, family, friends, and you, our faithful supporters and prayer warriors. We continue to be excited for what God is doing in 2023.



In February during the carnival holiday, we had a three-day mini retreat at our church for the children and youth from the nearby slums. In our daily schedule we had devotionals, soccer, and recreational games. We also had lots of snacks throughout the day which they loved. The children arrived early in the morning for breakfast and returned to their home in the evening after supper. It was a surprise to have the drug trafficker's young son come and participate in our retreat. Our prayer is that the seed of God's Word that was planted will bear fruit. Pray for those who heard the Gospel which was shared during that time but still have not made a decision to follow Jesus as their personal Savior.



Keep praying as we seek to reach these young lives. This is a very decisive time in their lives as they must decide what path to follow, Jesus or the worldly crowd.

## **Men's Rehabilitation Home**



Please pray also for the **House of Hope**. Pray for fruit as we invest in the lives of these men and women. Only the power of the Gospel can bring transformation which will break the cycle of destroyed homes.



We look to God with grateful hearts for the many opportunities He is giving us to be a blessing in the lives of people around us. As you participate together with us as co-laborers in this pressing time, you are having a vital part in the furtherance of His kingdom in Northeast Brazil. Thank you for what you do to make our ministry possible.

May we faithfully serve Him with joy. Thank you to each of you, for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate your prayers and support more than you know.

In His Service,

Paulo and Janis Alencar

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for us to reach and disciple youth God gives us the opportunity to minister to.
- Please pray also for the House of Hope as we help parents who are in drug addiction. Pray that strongholds will be broken by the power of the Gospel.
- Pray for Brazil as there has been turmoil and unrest since a radical communist took over our country.
- Violence has increased and assault are frequent. Just to simply walk in the streets or wait for transportation at the bus stop is a risk. We praise the Lord for protecting us and we ask your continued prayers for safety.
- Pray as the deacons and elders take over with the preaching and added ministry responsibilities in our absence as we plan to be with our daughter and son-in-law for the birth of their baby. Lord willing our time away is April 18th - May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Lord willing, when we return from our time with Joyce and Amos' Janis will be having some dental surgery. Pray for health, strength, wisdom, and sensitivity to God's leading in our lives.