



## NEWS FROM THE ALENCARS

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Dear **blessed prayer warriors**,

What a very wonderful privilege each of us have to be a servant of the LORD Jesus Christ and be "laborers together with God" in reaching the lost.

James 5:16 says - *"The earnest, heartfelt continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available, dynamic in its working" (Amp).*

Some time back we had requested prayer for the children outreach from the Rosalina slum and many had been praying. We had been gathering an average of 80 children and youth for a special program and offering a meal before they went home. But we had related the sad news that the new drug lord took over the command of the slum and began involving the children and youth in the drug dealings and prohibited them to come to that outreach.

But, the Word of God says that the "prayer of the righteous can do much". So, a few weeks ago, the former trafficker, "chucky" (do you remember him?) sent us a message informing us that the current trafficker had been arrested and that we were now free to work again with the children from the Rosalina slum. Praise the Lord for this victory. Thank you for praying!

The second Sunday of October Children's Day is celebrated in Brazil, so we took advantage of this opportunity to bring the children to hear the Word of God. Each child received a gift and snack. Pray for the salvation of these children.



Snack time



Small gift for each child



Bible story



Praying for the children



**FAMILY:** Praise the Lord this past month we spent three weeks in Florida with our daughter Joyce and son-in-law Amos and grandson Anthony James. Our son Jonathan was able to get off campus and spend weekends with us. Jason got a flight from New Jersey to Florida a couple days before we returned to Brazil. What a treasure it was to enjoy this time together and share of God's leading in each of our lives. We were able to visit the campus with our three children and attend a "Legacy Chapel" as the college is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year. Our hearts were filled with gratitude as we reflected on God's goodness, love, mercies, and faithfulness on our family. We are constantly reminded of how God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think according to His power working in us."



**PRAYER REQUEST:** In these past two years, the Lord has called home to Himself three of our faithful supporters. For several years these dear brothers and sisters in Christ sent us monthly support. These dear servants have left a huge void, not only through their

prayers, but also with the ceasing of financial support. Please pray with us that the Lord will send other faithful supporters to fill the void these dear brothers in Christ have left.

Prayer is a huge part of being a church planter. Your constant prayers are vital for the success of our ministry. This journey of countless success stories and breakthroughs would not have been possible without you.

We are so grateful that across the miles we can consider you a part of our family in Christ. Thank you for believing in us, encouraging us, and equipping us to share the love of Christ to the less fortunate children of this city.

How grateful we are for each of you who contribute and pray for our ministry in Brazil. We are very honored to be a part of your giving and do not take for granted this great privilege!

We want to wish you a [Merry Christmas](#)

and a blessed [New Year!](#)

Once again, our deepest gratitude for the part you have had in our lives over the years.

With Love and Prayers,

Paulo and Janis Alencar