

ALENCAR NEWSLETTER

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Dear faithful supporters,

Romans 10:13–15 speaks straight to the heart of why we do what we do: *“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

This is the glorious goal! But notice how the passage traces the steps leading up to it—someone calls because they believe, they believe because they hear, they hear because someone preaches, and someone preaches because they were sent.

And that’s where you and I come in.

You are part of this beautiful chain. As you pray, give, send, and stand with us in faith, you make it possible for the gospel to be preached to those who have not yet heard. Every prayer whispered, every gift given, every word of encouragement shared, all of it is a vital part of people hearing the message of salvation.

We want you to know how deeply grateful we are for your partnership. Because of your faithfulness, lives are being touched, seeds are being planted, and the hope of Jesus is reaching further than we could ever go on our own.

House of Hope Prayer Request - We deeply appreciate your continued prayers for the ministry of House of Hope. Men and women arrive regularly, searching for healing and freedom, while others leave before finishing the program. This work is not easy, and at times the results are slow to see. Yet we hold firmly to the truth that God’s Word never returns void. Please pray that each person who comes will encounter the life-changing power of Jesus Christ, that those in the program would find strength to endure, and that our staff would be filled with patience, wisdom, and compassion as they walk alongside these precious lives.

Children Ministry Prayer Request - We continue to minister to the children in the slum, seeking to bring them the hope of Christ. Recently, we received heartbreaking news: one of the teenagers who once participated in our ministry and heard the Word of God is now a leading drug lord in the slum.

While this news grieves us, it also reminds us why this ministry is so needed. Most of these children grow up surrounded by drugs and crime, but we believe God’s Word never returns empty. Every Bible story, every prayer, every moment of love shown is a seed sown into their lives.

Please continue to pray with us—for the children’s protection, for God’s light to shine in the darkness, and for transformed hearts that will one day lead their community in a different direction.

We are faithfully standing in a place of real spiritual battle. The reality that one of the teens who once heard God’s Word is now deeply trapped in the drug trade, shows how urgent and vital this ministry is.

Deliverance from the Lord - Recently, we experienced God's hand of protection in a very real way. On the morning, when Paulo went to start our 2008 Fiat, he noticed a strong smell of gasoline. On the second attempt to start it, flames suddenly burst from under the hood and began spreading quickly.

At that very moment, the Lord provided help. Our friend Elso saw what was happening and rushed over with a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. By God's grace, no one was hurt, and the fire was contained. Although our car was badly damaged, it was towed to the repair shop, where a dear brother from church worked diligently to repair it. After purchasing the necessary parts, he was able to bring the car back to life!

We thank God for His deliverance, for surrounding us with faithful friends, and for showing us once again that He is our Provider in every situation.

Even though the situation was frightening and could have ended much worse, the Lord placed the right people at the right time—my friend Elso with the fire extinguisher and the mechanic brother who had the skills to restore the car.

The car being repaired is a reminder that what seems lost can be restored in His hands.

This shows us that God's mission is a partnership. Some go, others send—but all are part of the chain that leads to salvation. Today, take a moment to thank God that He invites you into His mission through prayer, encouragement, and giving.

Thank you, to each of you, who help make our ministry possible through your fervent prayer and faithful financial support!

In Christ's Love,

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