



JOSE DE PAULA
serving in **NATAL**

Dear Brethren in Christ,

It has been about six months that we have been praying for conversions and God has been teaching us that He will do His work in everything and everyone. We have waited patiently and now we are seeing a little at a time—the work of the Lord is growing for the glory of Jesus. The Lord is faithful!

Beloved brothers in Christ, you can rejoice with us that at the beginning of this month the couple, Ricardo and Carla, gave their lives to the Lord. We are now meeting with them on Saturdays to study the Bible. They have a joyful attitude in regard to the work of the church. For this we are grateful.

The church of Natal has a clear goal for this second semester—to organize the various ministries and departments within the church. We are currently observing our Sunday Bible school to see if we will have it every Sunday or just twice a month. Pray for the Lord's leading.

We already have teachers for all age groups, and we are trying to challenge our members to participate with determination. We praise the Lord for this new phase we are working out in the church. We have prayed long and hard and the Lord has answered.

We started an inductive study of the book of Acts. The church is participating well. A number of people are visiting our church as well as the prayer meetings. We are thankful for God's work. Some of our visitors have expressed an interest in learning about the Bible. It is beautiful to see their desire and thirst for the word of God. On Sundays, we have about five visitors. To us, it is the fruit of our work and prayer. One lady, Clevia, came to our home and asked for prayer and has now been coming for several days. Praise the Lord.

Another person who has been coming to the services is Katia. She is addicted to alcohol and faces marital problems. We have been witnessing to her, counseling her with God's word for her life and marriage. Praise God with us that He has touched her heart! She came to us with great hunger for God and gave her life to Jesus!

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. Above all else, we thank God for His good hand on our lives. We express our thanks to Him every day.

Pastor Jose de Paula

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for the new converts; pray for their spiritual growth*
- *Pray for Maria and Sheila as they take on new positions in the church body*
- *Pray that the word of God will be preached accurately and with boldness, bringing the lost to salvation*
- *Pray for Pastor Jose's daughter, Jessica, as she takes the college entrance exams*
- *Pray for godly wisdom and direction for Pastor Jose and the church leaders*
- *Pray for open doors to share the gospel*

Pray for the many hidden people groups without the Gospel.

