

Dear Prayer Partners,

We have come to the end of the fourth year since the birth of the church in the city of Cabo Frio. During these years, we have experienced the blessing of our God in marvelous ways. We praise God for each supporter He has raised up to sustain this work. We can say with joy, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."

In each year that passed, God added to the church those whom He called. He has sent new believers, mature believers and people who had not yet had the opportunity to know Jesus. Some have come wanting to get to know the church, while others came because they were confused and wanted to know the gospel. To the latter, we proclaimed the pure gospel truth, leading them to Jesus as Lord and Savior. To the others who already believed, we are discipling them, strengthening their knowledge of the word of God. Our objective since the beginning (and still is) is to preach the word of God and make the name of the Lord Jesus known without discrimination. Bless the lives of those whom God has given us the opportunity to know, orienting them in the doctrines revealed in His word.

In December, as in every other year, the church surprised me with a birthday party. I completed 51 years! We celebrated Jesus' birthday on the 18th, because many were going to be traveling on the 25th. Even so, on the 25th we had a special service with many visitors. We had a choir and sang Christmas carols. On the 31st, we had a special end-of-the-year worship service. The place where we meet is small, but we thank God for it! Our prayer is that God will use us more and more, fulfilling His will in our lives and this ministry.

God has given us opportunities to have relationships with various people and through these friendships, we can testify of Jesus. Through a member of the church who is a businessman, we were able to speak to a group of people who would have been difficult to reach otherwise. But God opened the door. We were able to deliver the keys of a new building (that was constructed by the member's brother) to the new owners.

Pastor Redner came back from Portugal with plans to stay in Brazil for the treatment of his cancer. The church that was planted in Portugal through Bible study and evangelism is now under the care of missionary Elias Teixeira and his family, who are members of ICEB Queirós.

There will be challenges to overcome, goals to be reached and dreams to be realized in 2012—but we will always seek to know the will of the Lord. God has been good to us and has always given us the capacity to do His will. A big challenge is the construction of our building. We hope to be meeting there by the middle of the year.

Once again, thank you for your support and prayers which sustained us. May God bless you and to Him be all the honor!

Pastor Joel Gonçalves de Souza



JOEL GONCALVES DE SOUZA
serving in **CABO FRIO**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for the way He has multiplied the support of the Souza family*
- *Praise God for the fellowship of the believers in Cabo Frio*
- *Pray for Pastor Redner's health and transition to living in Brazil again*
- *Pray for the Teixeira family who is now serving in Portugal*
- *Pray for the Souzas, that they will live in the fear of the Lord and under His direction*
- *Praise God for the concrete floor for the new building; pray the other needs will be met soon*

Pray for the many hidden people groups without the Gospel.

