

BRAZIL

Dear Beloved Supporters,

I praise the Lord for you all. Knowing that you are praying for us is such encouragement—your prayers strengthen us to do the work that God has entrusted to us. Thank you for all of your support. Together we are instruments in the hands of the Lord God who enables us for this work.

Unfortunately two families are no longer with us. Valdir, Noemia and their son, Felipe, stopped attending the services. They told us that they are too poor to be in our midst. We are at peace because we are certain that we demonstrated Christian love to them. We are thankful that they are attending another church.

Secondly, Ms. Valeria has left us. She prefers to attend a Pentecostal church because of their doctrine. As a pastor, this affected me; but I know that God is the One who adds to the church those who will be saved. Her daughter Jaqueline and Jaqueline's boyfriend, William, continue to come to our services.

A group from my home church together with their pastor came for a special evangelism program. Pastor Acacio Alencar also came and shared precious church planting experiences with us. He also instructed us in reaching the community around us. That afternoon we distributed pamphlets on the streets, witnessing and obtaining information about our neighbors. The experience was important for our learning. Some of the believers surprised us beyond our expectations by their involvement in the work. Give thanks to God! That evening we had a lively service of praise and adoration to God.

Sunday morning Cristiano was baptized and the church had lunch together afterwards. In the evening we studied the word of God, and then had a praise and worship service during which we were given the official responsibility of the pastoral ministry of Christian Evangelical Church of Cabo Frio. This time of learning was important to us and it was an opportunity to see our brothers in Christ and family members. God be praised!

We are aware of the fact that the Lord our God is the One who sustains this work. We proceed with the confidence that He will continue to sustain and strengthen us, and that His will will be done. To Him be all the glory forever. May the peace of Christ be abundant in your hearts.

Pastor Joel Goncalves de Souza

PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE

JOEL GONCALVES DE SOUZA
serving in CABO FRIO

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for the successful outreach*
- *Praise God for bringing Pastor Acacio to train and equip us in the work*
- *Pray that Cristiano will continue to grow in the Lord*
- *Pray for wisdom and strategies for evangelization*
- *Pray that the neighbors will be reached with the gospel of Christ*
- *Pray that God will strengthen the Souza family, that they may be able to stand firm in the faith*

Pray for the many hidden people groups without the Gospel.

