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Director's Desk



AS we reflect on the Lord's goodness and faithfulness to Acre Gospel Mission, I have been encouraged by the words of David in Psalm 16. It is a beautiful Psalm that reminds us of the importance of trusting God, finding our contentment in Him and having confidence in His guidance for the future.

David begins with these simple but powerful words:

"Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust." — Psalm 16:1

What a wonderful prayer! David did not claim to have all the answers or to know what lay ahead. He simply placed his confidence in the Lord.

As we look at the world around us today, we are reminded that we live in uncertain and challenging times. There are many pressures facing our families, our churches and those serving the Lord on the mission field. Yet, amid all the uncertainties of life, what a comfort it is to know that **our confidence is not in knowing what tomorrow holds, but in knowing the One who holds tomorrow.**

In verse 5, David declares:

"The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup."

David had discovered that his greatest possession was not found in earthly things, but in the Lord Himself.

How easily we can become occupied with what we would like God to do for us, rather than remembering all that we already have in Him. Circumstances may change, plans may not always work out as we expect, and challenges will certainly come, but our God remains faithful.

This is something we have witnessed repeatedly throughout the history of Acre Gospel Mission. Through changing circumstances, difficult days and many wonderful answers to prayer, the Lord has continued to sustain His work and provide for His servants.

Then, in verse 8, David gives us another tremendous encouragement:

"I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."

Notice those words, *"I have set the LORD always before me."* This was a deliberate choice on David's part.

There will always be things that compete for our attention — concerns about the future, decisions that must be made, difficulties in ministry and burdens for those we love. Yet David reminds us of the importance of keeping our eyes fixed upon the Lord.

As a mission, we recognise that there are challenges ahead, but there are also wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel and reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ. Our re-

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sponsibility is to remain faithful to the calling God has given us, trusting Him to open doors, provide for every need and guide us in the days ahead.

David concludes with these beautiful words:

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy." — Psalm 16:11

David did not know every turn in the road ahead, but he knew the One who would guide him.

What an encouragement that is for each of us! We may not know all that the future holds for ourselves, our families or the work of Acre Gospel Mission, but we can rest in the assurance that the Lord knows the way.

As you read through this edition of our magazine, I trust you will be encouraged by the reports of what God is doing through our missionaries and the various ministries of Acre. Behind every report are faithful servants, answered prayers and lives being touched by the Gospel.

May I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank each of you who faithfully stand with the mission through your prayers, encouragement and financial support. Your partnership in the Gospel is deeply appreciated, and we thank the Lord for you.

As we look ahead, let us continue to trust the Lord with what we cannot control, keep Him before us in all that we do and depend upon Him to show us the path ahead.

And may we all be able to say with David:

"Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." — Psalm 16:8

Whatever the future may bring, we can be assured of this wonderful truth: **the God who has faithfully led us thus far will not fail us in the days ahead.**

With warm Christian greetings and every blessing in Christ,

Keith Lindsay

Giving thanks to God for His **FAITHFULNESS!**

AS another summer of camps and outreach comes to an end, our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for all that God has done. It has been a wonderful privilege to see children and young people encouraged in their faith, new friendships formed and lives touched by the Gospel.

These camps remain very close to our hearts. Some children leave in tears, not wanting to go home, while others return with a renewed faith, new friendships and the support of a Christian community. We are reminded of the words of Proverbs 22:6:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We were delighted to hold another Holiday Bible Club at our church in La Cuesta. Through the parable of the wise and foolish builders, we taught the children the importance of building their lives upon Jesus Christ, the Rock.

It was encouraging to welcome several new children, including some from families with no church connection. One girl enjoyed the club so much that she immediately signed up for our summer camp!

We were especially grateful for the Acre summer team from Northern Ireland, whose enthusiasm and practical help were a tremendous blessing.

For over 30 years, NIC has been an important youth ministry organised by churches in Tenerife and Gran Canaria. Many young people have come to faith through these camps, including David himself in 1998.

This year, **120 young people and leaders** attended the camp in La Orotava. Many came from challenging backgrounds, and during special prayer evenings, some shared anonymously about struggles involving broken families, identity, abuse and other personal difficulties.

Our desire is to point these young people to Jesus Christ, reminding them that He loves them and will never leave or forsake them. We pray that the Gospel truths they heard will remain in their hearts and transform their lives.

With the help of the Acre summer team, we organised a special outreach in a disadvantaged community in Güímar. Around 20 children attended, enjoying games, crafts, a puppet show and a clear presentation of the Gospel.



It was particularly encouraging that parents stayed to listen, and three children subsequently attended our summer camp.

We have also been invited to return on 4 October for another outreach, providing a further opportunity to share God's love with this community.

While we are deeply thankful for all that God has accomplished, we face a significant challenge for the future.





The Catholic school in La Orotava, where we have held our camps for several years, will no longer be available due to building work and changes to the facilities.

Finding suitable alternative accommodation in Tenerife is extremely difficult, and the high cost of tourist accommodation would make camps unaffordable for many of the children who need them most.

Through Verdes Pastos, we have a vision to establish the first dedicated Christian camp centre in the Canary Islands, providing a permanent home for this important ministry.

God has already provided people, resources and some financial support. We are trusting Him to open the door for a suitable property and the additional investment needed to make this vision a reality.

Please pray earnestly with us for God's provision and guidance.

• Give thanks for the children and young people reached through the summer camps and outreach programmes.

• Pray that the Gospel seeds planted will grow and that many young lives and families will be transformed by Christ.

• Pray for the ongoing outreach in Güímar and opportunities to share the Gospel.

• Pray for God's provision of a suitable property for a permanent Christian camp centre.

• Give thanks for the Acre summer team and everyone who faithfully served throughout the summer.

We are looking forward to returning to Northern Ireland in November and sharing fellowship at the Acre Autumn Break Conference in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Rebecca will also be speaking at the Acre Ladies' Coffee Morning in Lisburn Baptist Church on 14 November, and we would love to see many of you there.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement and support. As we look back, we can only give God the glory for all He has done, and as we look forward, we trust Him to continue opening doors for this precious ministry.

To God be the glory!

David, Rebecca & Girls

New Beginnings, Open Doors and God's Faithfulness

IT is with thankful hearts that we introduce ourselves to the Acre Gospel Mission family. We are Lucas, Diná and our son Salomão Moura, and on 1 May 2026, the Lord led us to begin a new chapter of missionary service in the town of Várzea.



Although we arrived as strangers, we were immediately embraced with such warmth and Christian love that we soon felt part of the church family. We will never forget elderly Sister Severina helping to carry boxes on moving day, despite others being there to assist! Such simple acts of kindness speak volumes about the love of Christ.

We have been greatly encouraged by the faithfulness of the congregation, with around **90% of members regularly attending the prayer meetings.** We also thank God for the faithful ministry of Pastor Adriano, who served here before us and helped lay a strong foundation for the work.

Strengthening the Church

Our first priority has been to build relationships, encourage believers and help equip members to serve the Lord through music, teaching and evangelism.

One particularly encouraging moment came when Brother Deivid stepped forward to lead a children's evangelistic lesson, something the congregation had previously felt unable to do. What a joy to see believers discovering their gifts and growing in confidence as they serve the Lord!

We have also rejoiced in welcoming **Davi and Giseli** back into fellowship after time away for studies and employment. Both have a love for God's Word and gifts that can be used in His service.

Open Doors in the Community

God has graciously opened an unexpected door for us to teach music twice a week in a local municipal school. This has provided wonderful opportunities to build friendships, become known throughout the community and create new connections through which we can share the Gospel.

Even a challenging house move, made necessary by structural problems, became an unexpected blessing. Our new home is situat-

ed in an area where missionary Trevo has been considering planting another church.

Through this move, we have met several people who have shown an interest in spiritual matters, including **Lucivaldo**, who has expressed a desire to return to church and bring his family. We have also had encouraging conversations with João Batista and Alexandre.

How wonderful to see that even life's unexpected difficulties can become opportunities for God's purposes!

Reaching Young Hearts

Our children's outreach continues to bring us great encouragement. Since moving the meetings from the evening to daytime, more children have begun attending, often accompanied by their parents.

Although we have not yet seen any of these children make a profession of faith, we are thankful for their enthusiasm, willingness to learn and growing interest in God's Word.

They have even enjoyed learning a hymn in Spanish, taught by Venezuelan missionary Patrícia Daso!

We pray that the precious seeds of Gospel truth being planted in these young hearts will one day bear fruit for eternity.

Encouraged to Press On

Another special blessing was a time of fellowship with fellow MEA missionary families serving in the region. Sharing experiences, encouragement and prayer reminded us that we are not alone in this great work.

As we reflect on these first months in Várzea, we can clearly see the Lord's guiding hand. He has provided a loving church family, opened doors into the community and given us many opportunities to share His wonderful love.

Please Remember Us in Prayer

• Pray for continued spiritual growth and unity within the church.

• Pray for the children's ministry and the opportunities to reach families through the local school.

• Pray for Lucivaldo, João Batista, Alexandre and others who are showing an interest in the Gospel.

• Pray for wisdom as we seek to equip believers and develop new opportunities for evangelism.

• Pray for our family as we settle into this new chapter of missionary service.

We thank God for His faithfulness and for the privilege of serving Him in Várzea. Our desire is simply to be faithful in sowing the seed, trusting the Lord to bring forth a harvest in His perfect time.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."
Psalm 126:3

Lucas, Diná & Salomão Moura

Sowing Seeds of Faith...
Reaching Hearts for Christ!

WE rejoice in the goodness and faithfulness of our wonderful God as we continue to witness His gracious hand at work in our church and throughout the surrounding community. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for every opportunity to share the Gospel, strengthen believers and see precious lives touched by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Growing Together in Faith

One of our greatest desires is to nurture a church family that is firmly rooted in God's Word, united in Christian love and passionate about reaching others for the Saviour.

Through our C3 Ministry – Journey, Growth and Fellowship, we are seeking to build meaningful friendships, encourage spiritual growth and equip believers to share their faith with greater confidence.

Our home fellowship gatherings have become a particularly precious



part of this work. These informal meetings provide opportunities for believers and their non-Christian relatives and friends to come together around God's Word.

We are greatly encouraged that 55 people are currently being reached through this ministry, including 39 who do not yet know Christ as their Saviour.

What a wonderful open door for the Gospel! We pray that as friendships deepen and God's Word is faithfully shared, many hearts will be drawn to Him.

Precious Young Lives Turning to Christ

Perhaps one of our greatest reasons for thanksgiving has been the wonderful news that four young teenagers have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each of these young people has come through the church's children's ministry, a beautiful reminder that the seeds of Gospel truth planted in tender hearts can bear lasting fruit.

They will soon begin discipleship classes in preparation for baptism, and we pray that they will continue to grow strong in their faith and become faithful witnesses for the Lord.

We also rejoice in the continued spiritual interest of Davi, who has been attending church since 2025. His mother, Cristiane, although not yet a believer, regularly accompanies him to services.

How precious it is to see the Lord using the faith of children to open

doors into the hearts and homes of their families!

Reaching Homes and Families

Our burden extends beyond the walls of the church into the homes of those around us.

Several faithful Christian women in our fellowship have husbands who do not yet know the Saviour. We pray that through their love, patience and Christian testimony, these men will come to see their need of Christ.

We were particularly encouraged when Sister Adalgisa recently gathered members of her family and took the opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

Such moments remind us that some of the most meaningful missionary opportunities are found not in large gatherings, but around the family table, where lives can be touched through simple conversations and the faithful sharing of God's Word.

A Vision for Santa Clara

As we look ahead, our prayer is that the church will continue to grow, not simply in numbers, but in spiritual maturity, unity and a genuine love for lost souls.

We are also preparing to distribute "Good Seeds" Gospel materials, trusting that each leaflet shared will become an opportunity for conversation and a seed of truth planted in someone's heart.

Our particular burden is for the Santa Clara neighbourhood, where our church is situated. We long to see families reached, homes transformed and lives renewed through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Please Remember Us in Prayer

• Pray that the C3 discipleship ministry will continue to flourish, strengthening believers and reaching those outside the church.

• Give thanks for the four young people who have trusted Christ, and pray for their continued spiritual growth and preparation for baptism.

• Pray for non-Christian husbands, parents and relatives who are hearing the Gospel.

• Pray that the distribution of Gospel literature will open doors throughout Santa Clara.

• Remember our family, especially our children, Artur Venâncio and Catarina, asking God to grant us wisdom, grace and strength in raising them for His glory.

With Thankful Hearts

We cannot adequately express our gratitude for the faithful prayers, encouragement and generous support of those who stand alongside us in this ministry.

Your partnership is a precious reminder that although we may serve in different places, we are united in the same great calling — to make the Lord Jesus Christ known.

As we continue to sow the precious seed of God's Word, we do so with confidence that the Lord of the harvest is able to bring forth fruit in His perfect time.

May every home reached, every life touched and every soul saved bring honour and glory to His wonderful name!

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."
Psalm 126:5

Pastor Anderson Felipe & Family

Summer Camp Blessings in **Santo André, Portugal**

THE summer months in Santo André are always busy, with many activities for children and teenagers during the school holidays. One of the highlights of our year is our annual Summer Camp, held this year at the beginning of August.

Around 35 children and teenagers attended, enjoying a wonderful week of games, crafts, beach activities, a theme park visit and, most importantly, times of praise, Bible stories and Bible studies. The week concluded with a special evening for parents, when the children shared what they had learned and enjoyed a meal together.

Although numbers were slightly lower than last year, we were particularly encouraged that many of the campers came from non-Christian backgrounds.



God's Wonderful Provision

This year, several children were unable to afford the cost of attending camp. However, through the generosity of supporters who contributed to a GoFundMe appeal, along with members of our church, every child who needed financial assistance was able to attend.

We praise God for His wonderful provision and for the kindness of everyone who helped make this possible.

A Life Changed – Iris's Story

One of the greatest blessings came through Iris, a 13-year-old girl who had only recently started attending our Friday Teens' Club.

Iris had not originally planned to attend camp because of a family holiday, but when those plans changed, she was able to join us.

A few weeks after camp, Iris approached Marco, our youth leader, asking him to help her pray to receive Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

What a joy and encouragement this was to

everyone involved!
Iris comes from a non-Christian home, and initially her mother was reluctant to allow her to attend church. However, Iris now faithfully attends both the Friday Teens' Club and Sunday services.
Please pray for Iris as she grows in her newfound faith and that, through her testimony, her family might also come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.
Giving Thanks
Since 2019, these summer camps have provided wonderful opportunities to build friendships, teach God's Word and share the Gos pel with children and young people.
We are deeply thankful for everyone who prays, gives and supports this ministry. Above all, we praise God for His faithfulness and for the joy of seeing young lives touched and changed by His grace.
Please continue to pray for the children and teenagers who attended, particularly those who have yet to trust Christ, and for the ongoing work among young people in Santo André.

Jander & Rebecca

Gospel Seeds Bearing Fruit in Caicó

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."
2 Thessalonians 3:1

AS we reflect on our first eight months of ministry in Caicó, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the goodness and faithfulness of God. Although the challenges are many, we are encouraged to see the Gospel reaching hearts, lives being changed and new doors opening for Christian witness.

Reaching Communities with the Gospel
We thank God for the opportunities to share His Word in the neighbourhoods of Barra Nova and Nova Descoberta.
In Barra Nova, a weekly Friday outreach began through the vision of a faithful sister, Valdecina, who longed to see the Gospel shared in her community. We have been encouraged by visitors attending, including her husband, Mr Dedé, who has been listening attentively to God's Word. Please pray that he will come to know the Saviour personally.
In Nova Descoberta, we continue to encourage a small fellowship of believers. Please remember Angélica, Glória, Rita and Maria, praying that they will remain steadfast in their faith and be faithful witnesses for Christ.
Our monthly visits to the local markets also provide valuable opportunities to distribute Gospel literature, share words of encouragement and invite people to church. We



pray that more believers will catch the vision for evangelism and join us in reaching their community.

Reaching Young Hearts

After several years without children attending the church, it has been a particular joy to see a children's ministry beginning to develop.

Sadly, some children have been prevented from continuing to attend because of their families' religious commitments. Nevertheless, we trust that the precious seeds of Gospel truth already planted in their hearts will one day bear fruit.

Our prayer is that many more children and families will be reached with the wonderful message of God's love.

The Joy of Changed Lives

One of our greatest encouragements has been witnessing the transforming power of God's grace. We rejoice that Isaque has trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, while Oldair, Rita and Maria José have returned to fellowship after a time away.

What a wonderful reminder that the Lord is still saving souls, restoring lives and building His Church!

Please Remember Us in Prayer

Pray for the continued growth of the outreach ministries, for Mr Dedé and others hearing the Gospel, and for new opportunities to reach children and families. Remember also those who have recently come to faith or returned to fellowship, that they may grow strong in the Lord.

As we look to the future, we do so with thankful hearts and renewed confidence in the One who has called us. The work may be challenging, but the Gospel remains powerful, and our God is faithful.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support. Together, we rejoice in every seed sown and every life touched by the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."
Psalm 126:3

Pastor Adriano & Family

A Journey of **Encouragement, Fellowship and Faithfulness**

DURING September 2026, we had the wonderful privilege of visiting churches and ministries across the Brazilian state of Acre and the surrounding region. It was a journey filled with Christian fellowship, opportunities to share God's Word and encouragement as we witnessed the lasting fruit of missionary work begun many years ago.

As Acre Gospel Mission approaches its 90th anniversary in 2027, it was especially moving to see how the seeds of the Gospel, faithfully sown by earlier generations, continue to bear fruit today.

Rio Branco – Encouraging the Next Generation

Our journey began in Rio Branco, where Pastor Antoildson Pinheiro invited us to participate in a five-day youth camp organised by the Second Baptist Church.

Under the theme "The Challenge of Preaching the Gospel," we encouraged young people to follow Christ wholeheartedly and serve Him faithfully. We also shared the Mission's history and future vision.

Pastor Antoildson has longstanding connections with Acre Gospel Mission, having trained at Hebron Seminary under Pastor Fred Orr.

Boca do Acre – A Lasting Legacy

In Boca do Acre, Pastor Francisco and his family welcomed us warmly. During a missionary service, we shared news of the Mission's work and future plans.

The church was originally established through the faithful ministry of Irish missionaries, and it was wonderful to see it continuing to proclaim the Gospel.

A highlight was visiting the school founded by missionary Mollie Harvey, now serving approximately 400 pupils. The principal expressed great interest in learning more about Mollie's life and remarkable missionary service.

Sena Madureira – Faithfulness Through the Years

We enjoyed precious fellowship with Pastor Plínio, the longest-serving missionary associated with Acre Gospel Mission in Brazil. We thank God that he remains in good health and enthusiastic about the Lord's work.

We also met Pastor Marcílio and shared God's Word with the congregation. The church now oversees seven congregations, reaching both urban and rural communities.

Another memorable visit was to the reopened church school, now named James and Dorrie Gunning, honouring the service of these pioneering missionaries.

Feijó – Reaching Communities

In Feijó, Pastor Ageu and his family welcomed us warmly. He accompanied us to an indigenous village, where we had an opportunity to share the Gospel with a local family.

During Sunday School, Sulamita introduced the "Jesus Loves Me" Club, encouraging the church in its children's ministry. I also shared God's Word and spoke about the Mission's future vision.

Please remember Pastor Ageu's daughter, Isabela, who is receiving treatment for diabetes. We thank God for her progress and ask for continued prayer.

Tarauacá – Standing Firm

Our journey continued to Tarauacá, where we enjoyed fellowship with Pastor Fagner, his wife Edna and their son Emanuel.

I had the privilege of preaching and sharing news of the Mission's work, including the proposed "Redeemer for Marajó" project.



We were deeply touched by believers who fondly remembered the Irish missionaries who had served there. The church continues to flourish under Pastor Fagner's faithful leadership.

Looking Back with Gratitude

Although we were unable to visit Manoel Urbano, we returned to Rio Branco, where we enjoyed further fellowship and met Pastor Samuel Poots and his family, hearing about their ministry among indigenous communities.

On 15 September, we returned to Manaus with thankful hearts.

Throughout our journey, we were reminded that the work of the Lord is never in vain. Churches planted by pioneering missionaries continue to proclaim the Gospel, while new generations are being reached and encouraged.

As Acre Gospel Mission celebrates 90 years of ministry in 2027, we give thanks for those who served faithfully in the past and those continuing the work today.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Please continue to remember these churches, pastors and families as we look towards new opportunities for the Gospel.

To God be all the glory!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."
1 Corinthians 15:58

Cesar & Sulamita

A Journey of Faith and a Glimpse of

God's Wonderful Work

SOMETIMES the Lord opens doors in ways we could never have imagined, and my recent journey to Brazil has been a wonderful reminder of His perfect guidance and faithfulness.

My first introduction to Acre Gospel Mission came last October, when I had the privilege of helping distribute Bible calendars to pilgrims in Fátima, Portugal. Little did I realise that a conversation with Keith Lindsay about the Christian schools in Manaus would plant a seed in my heart that would eventually take me thousands of miles across the Atlantic!

After much prayer and preparation, and four flights later, I finally arrived in Manaus, excited to discover firsthand what God is doing through His faithful servants in Brazil.

One of my first experiences was visiting Acre's two Christian schools in Petrópolis and Flores, where I received such a lovely welcome from the staff and children.

With approximately **500 pupils between them**, it was a joy to see these schools providing not only an education but also an environment where God's Word is woven into everyday life. Colourful classrooms and playgrounds decorated with Scripture verses were a beautiful reminder that young hearts and minds are being encouraged to know and love the Lord Jesus.

I also enjoyed helping prepare around 200 little cakes to celebrate the 29th anniversary of one of the schools. What a wonderful testimony to God's faithfulness over nearly three decades!

Shortly afterwards, I travelled with Pastor César, his wife Sulamita and their family on a seven-hour journey to Rorainópolis.

It was a busy but thoroughly rewarding weekend, helping with children's clubs, Sunday School and attending services in two local churches. I also had the privilege of singing at the First Baptist Church in Rorainópolis.

With the churches focusing on missions, Pastor César shared a challenging message from John 9:4:

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

These words were a timely reminder of the urgency and privilege of sharing the Gospel while opportunities remain.

One of the most remarkable moments of my visit was hearing the testimony of Pastor Oswaldo, a man whose life wonderfully illustrates the transforming power of God's grace.

Before coming to know the Lord, Oswaldo had set his heart on travelling from Acre to Manaus in search of a better life. With no money for the journey, he decided to hunt an alligator and sell its skin.

Armed with a homemade spear and absolutely no experience, he waited for eight long hours beside the river. Eventually, in the darkness, he

spotted two glowing red eyes. He threw his spear and, amazingly, struck the alligator directly in the eye!

When he and his friend began pulling their catch from the water, they discovered it was no ordinary alligator — it measured an astonishing **four metres long!**

Looking back, Oswaldo recognises that God's protecting hand was upon him even before he knew the Saviour.

He eventually reached Manaus, hoping to find earthly riches, but God had something infinitely more precious waiting for him — the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

When he returned home, those who remembered his former life could scarcely believe the change. The man once known for his drinking had become a new creation in Christ!

Today, Pastor Oswaldo has faithfully served the Lord in Rorainópolis for 23 years, proclaiming the same Gospel that so wonderfully transformed his own life.

What a glorious reminder that no life is beyond the reach of God's saving grace!



Although the journey has brought its challenges — from long flights and jet lag to spending entire days speaking Portuguese — every moment has been worthwhile.

I have been overwhelmed by the warmth, kindness and generosity of the Christian families who have welcomed me so lovingly into their homes and lives.

Yet what has touched me most deeply is the spirit of thankfulness that seems to flow so naturally through their conversations.

Again and again, I have heard missionaries and pastors expressing gratitude for two things: **the wonderful faithfulness of God in blessing His work and the continued prayers and generosity of Christians in Ireland who faithfully support Acre Gospel Mission.**

It has been both humbling and inspiring to witness the lasting fruit of missionary service and to realise that the seeds sown through prayer, sacrifice and faithful giving continue to produce a harvest for eternity.

As I reflect on these precious experiences, I am reminded that God still calls, God still provides and God is still wonderfully changing lives.

Please continue to pray for the Christian schools, churches, missionaries and faithful workers throughout Brazil. Pray that the Gospel will continue to reach young hearts, strengthen believers and bring many more precious souls to the Saviour.

What a privilege it is to have even a small part in the great work of our wonderful God!

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3

Rebekah Walker

Sousa, Paraíba, Brazil:
Pastor Diego and Suzane

I WOULD like to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your prayers and faithful support of our ministry here in Sousa, Paraíba. It is a wonderful privilege to serve the Lord and to be involved in advancing His Kingdom throughout this region of north-eastern Brazil.

Here in the sertão, the semi-arid interior of Paraíba, there are relatively few churches within our fellowship. Most of the churches associated with us are situated along the coast, particularly around the state capital, approximately 430 kilometres away.

In our region, we have two congregations: Igreja Batista Resgatar in Sousa and Igreja Batista da Fé in neighbouring Cajazeiras, along with two other churches with whom we enjoy fellowship.

Despite this, there remains a tremendous need for more churches and Christian workers. There is still so much to be done and so many people to reach with the Gospel.

Surrounding towns such as Uiraúna, São João do Rio do Peixe, São José da Lagoa Tapada, Santa Cruz and São Francisco are among the communities where there is a great need for effective Gospel outreach.

My prayer is that God will awaken our local church to this need and enable us to reach the wider region through strong, healthy churches that will, in turn, plant other churches.

This coming January will mark five years since I began pastoring Igreja Batista da Fé in Sousa. I am deeply thankful to God for the privilege of serving Him here.

My vision is to see this entire region reached with the Gospel and filled with churches that faithfully proclaim God's Word. However, I recognise that achieving this will require much prayer, dedication and hard work.

One of my main priorities has been the revitalisation of our local church. A significant challenge is helping believers move away from a consumer-minded approach to church life. Many attend services and enjoy the various activities and programmes but have yet to become actively involved in the church's central mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

To address this, I have been seeking to develop a culture of **intentional discipleship** — learning to live as Jesus lived and helping others to do the same.

Each week, our church meets in **small groups**, where we encourage believers to grow in their faith, deepen their relationships and become more actively involved in sharing the Gospel.

We long to see a church where every member understands their responsibility to make disciples and reach the lost. How-

ever, this remains a challenge, and there is still considerable resistance to personal evangelism.
Please pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of our members, giving them a genuine burden for souls and a willingness to share their faith.
Another important area of our ministry is the **training and development of Christian leaders** who can encourage and equip others to fulfil the mission of the church.
I have been investing time in several men, walking alongside them and encouraging them towards a deeper commitment to Christ and intentional discipleship.
I would particularly value your prayers for **Tinto, Pedro, Ivanildo, Ciro and Oziel.**
Oziel is currently preparing for pastoral ministry but has been facing a number of challenges along the way. Please remember him especially in prayer, asking the Lord to strengthen, guide and prepare him for future service.
Pray also for me as I seek to encourage and disciple these men, that God will give me wisdom, patience and perseverance.
We are also thankful for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with children through our **Fé Kids ministry.**
Each Sunday morning, approximately 15 members of our church are involved in bringing the Gospel to children, helping them learn about Jesus and understand His love for them.
This is a precious and important ministry, but it has not been without its difficulties.
Some of those involved have become discouraged, and a few are even considering stepping away from the work. This has been particularly saddening, as I know how valuable their service is and how greatly the Lord can use it.
Please join me in praying that God will renew their strength, restore their enthusiasm and help them recognise the eternal significance of reaching children with the Gospel.
Our prayer is that many young lives will be transformed through this ministry and that these children will grow to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.
Finally, I would ask you to remember me and my family in your prayers.
Above everything else, we desire to live lives that are fully surrendered to the Lord, allowing Him to use us as instruments in His hands.
Please pray that I will continue to grow in godliness, deepen my love for the Lord and His work, and faithfully lead my family in the ways of Christ.
We recognise that without the Lord's strength and guidance, we can accomplish nothing of lasting value.
Thank you once again for standing with us, for your encouragement, and especially for bringing our lives and ministry before our Heavenly Father in prayer.
Your partnership means so much to us as we seek to make Christ known throughout this needy region of Brazil.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Diego, Suzane, Isaque, Enoque and Zadoque

Growing in Grace, United in Christ

Vila Real de Santo António

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8–9

AS we celebrate the second anniversary of our congregation in Vila Real de Santo António this September, our hearts are filled with gratitude for God's goodness, grace and unfailing faithfulness. Looking back over these two years, we can clearly see His guiding hand as He has brought people together, strengthened friendships and lovingly nurtured this little fellowship. Each person has played a valuable part, reminding us that the Church is far more than a building or a gathering — it is a living body of believers, united in Christ and growing together in His love.

A Church Built on God's Faithfulness

From the very beginning, one truth has remained central to our ministry: **this is God's Church, not ours**. Our calling is to trust His timing, follow His leading and serve faithfully wherever He places us.

The beautiful example of our Lord Jesus, who humbly washed His disciples' feet, continually reminds us of the importance of serving one another with genuine love, patience and humility.

Although we are a small congregation, without elaborate programmes or impressive surroundings, our greatest desire is to worship sincerely, remain faithful to the teaching of God's Word and demonstrate Christ's love in our everyday lives.

At the heart of everything is the glorious message of salvation through Jesus Christ — our wonderful Saviour, who willingly bore our sins so that we might receive forgiveness and be brought into fellowship with God.

More Than a Congregation – A Family

One of the greatest blessings of our fellowship is the precious time we share together at the end of each month, gathering around the Lord's Table to remember His sacrifice before enjoying a meal as a church family.

These simple yet meaningful occasions strengthen our friendships and remind us of the wonderful bond we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Though imperfect and undeserving, we have been brought together through God's amazing grace. What a privilege to belong to His family, to encourage one another and to grow together in faith and love!

Looking Ahead with Hope

As we enter another year of ministry, we do so with thankful hearts and renewed confidence in God's faithful leading.

Our prayer is that every member will continue to grow in spiritual maturity, reflect the fruit of the Spirit and demonstrate the same humility, compassion and selfless love

shown by our Lord Jesus. We may not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. Our desire is simply to remain obedient to His Word, faithful to His calling and willing to follow wherever He leads. Please continue to remember this growing fellowship in Vila Real de Santo António in your prayers, that we may remain firmly rooted in Scripture, united in Christian love and a faithful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ within our community.

To God be all the glory for His faithfulness over these past two years, and for all that He has yet to accomplish!

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."
Philippians 2:3–4

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Encouraging the Work
in Northeast Brazil

DURING July, we had the privilege of visiting our missionaries and churches throughout Rio Grande do Norte in Northeast Brazil. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement and seeing God's faithfulness in the lives of those serving Him.

One of the highlights was a theological conference held on 3–4 July at Campo Redondo Baptist Church. This was an answer to prayer, bringing together missionaries, their families and local believers for spiritual encouragement and renewed vision.

Pastor Gilberto Celeti, who has served with APEC for over 50 years, spoke on the theme **"A.E.I.O.U. – Five Secrets to Reaching the New Generation for Jesus Christ."**

We were delighted that 18 churches participated. The teaching was warmly received, with many sharing how they had been encouraged and challenged to reach the next generation with the Gospel. We are especially grateful to Pastor Iranildo and his wife Socorro for organising this special gathering.



Visiting Our Missionaries

Following the conference, we travelled throughout the region, visiting missionaries and encouraging them in their ministries.

In **Apodi**, we visited Pastor Alan and his family, who are establishing a new church. Although services are currently held in their garage, it was encouraging to see believers and visitors attending.

In **Martins**, Pastor Walkênio and his family are enthusiastically developing the ministry, with plans to reach more children and young people through the AWANA programme.

We also visited **Caicó**, where Pastor Adriano and his family are beginning a new work, and **Serra do Doutor**, where Pastor Marcelo and his wife Ana Cristina are faithfully serving, including outreach among local schoolchildren.

Another highlight was an evening of fellowship and practical training in children's evangelism, where Sulamita and I

shared ideas from our **"Jesus Loves Me"** ministry in Manaus.

In Nísia Floresta, we enjoyed fellowship with Pastor Júnior and his family. He continues to oversee several congregations, including the church at Pau Brasil, which is currently without a pastor. Please pray that God will provide the right person to lead this congregation.

Giving Thanks for God's Faithfulness

We returned to Manaus on 10 July with thankful hearts, encouraged by all that God is accomplishing throughout Northeast Brazil.

It was a blessing to see our missionaries faithfully serving, churches growing and new opportunities opening to share the Gospel.

Although this region presents many spiritual challenges, we rejoice that God continues to work through His servants.

Please Pray

• Give thanks for the conference and pray that its teaching will bear lasting fruit.

• Pray for our missionaries and their families, particularly those establishing new churches.

• Pray for the children's and youth ministries and opportunities to reach the next generation.

• Pray for a pastor for the congregation at Pau Brasil.

• Pray for wisdom, strength and guidance as we continue supporting the Lord's work.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We give God all the glory for what He has done and trust Him for all that lies ahead.

César & Sulamita

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Praise by Tamlaghtmore Silver Band, John Porter,
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