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Church planting among Portuguese-speaking Immigrants in Central Florida

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"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. . ." Ps. 118:24

Dear Pastor and Friends in Christ,

Greetings from Florida! It has been one of the coldest winters in history. Florida is known for its high percentage of senior citizens. After the evening services, I often carry a large floodlight while accompanying our seniors to their cars. When we have special activities here at the house, we make sure that our driveway is free for them. Several weeks ago after one of these events, Mrs. A.N. fell on the front entrance because her leg gave way as she put weight on it. She had been holding her husband's arm, but he was not able to prevent her from falling. In the process, he also went down. After verifying that she was not hurt, Mr. N. and I supported her in walking to their car. I followed them home, and I helped her into her wheelchair after Mr. N. retrieved it from their house. We visited for awhile in the living room while Mrs. A.N. was resting on the sofa. She said the discomfort that she was experiencing was probably from the disease she has that causes her bones to slowly deteriorate and not from the fall. Mr. N. was recently diagnosed with cancer. They have continued attending services despite their health issues, and they are a real encouragement to us.

I am amazed how often my schedule for the day is altered by a simple phone call. A few weeks ago, the son of a fellow-missionary called me to inquire if I would interpret for a Portuguese lady at her doctor's appointment. I did the interpretation for her, and I also had an opportunity to witness to her and her husband. We received a call several weeks ago from Mr. C. He informed me that he and his family had just arrived the night before from Massachusetts. They had all their belongings with them in two sedan cars; one was rented. Mr. and Mrs. C. have four children between the ages of eight and thirteen. Three years ago, they were part of our congregation, but they left for Massachusetts. We had no idea that they would ever move back. We went that same day to see them, and we began the project of helping them furnish their two bedroom apartment. It is good to see them faithful to the services.

Mr. and Mrs. O., who were separated and planning to divorce, reconciled and moved to North Carolina where he took a new job. Recently while visiting their adult children in the Tampa area, they came over to see us. What a joy to see the result of Biblical counsel. Continue to pray that Mrs. O. will find a job and for their spiritual growth.

We are glad with the many contacts generated by the church's web site. Some inquire about our ministry, and others are looking for assistance as they have been affected with loss of jobs, foreclosure, etc.

Please continue to pray for Mrs. G., the widow of three adult sons living here in the States. Rick, who is now 18 and lives at home while finishing high school, wants more freedom. His mother tries to keep him on a tight leash. Peter, who has emotional problems and suffers from bulimia, continues to be a challenge. His mother is seeking help from the Government.

Please remember the F. family in prayer. Mrs. F.'s mother passed away in Canada this past week. We are thankful that she was a believer. Mrs. F. is a part of our congregation, but her husband is unsaved as well as her family in Canada.

The economical crisis of the nation continues to affect us as supporting individuals and churches are hurting. We appreciate your faithful support and prayers. We praise the Lord for special offerings that come in from time to time to help us as we serve the Lord.

Please, pray for the salvation of the following: Cleber, Marcello, Fernanda, Maria, Julio, Fabio, Manuel, Almino, Walter, Gloria, Carla, Tony, Conceicao, Stefanie, Maria L., and Fausto. Please, pray also for the spiritual growth of believers.

Gratefully yours for lost Portuguese-speaking immigrants in Central Florida,



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