

## Robert & Simone Tully

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### Missionaries in Maceió, Brazil.

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Dear praying friends,

One of the unexpected developments that occurred during the unusual year that was 2020 was the growth that our church experienced. I must say, this growth has continued and intensified as we launch into 2021, which is a blessing. We are seeing new visitors every week. Many are returning and even deciding to join our merry crew as we navigate these currently troublesome waters.

We have started a building program at our second church. We are constructing a perimeter wall and leveling the land to put up more space for our junior church, which is very crowded at the moment. We also plan to add a baptistery, fellowship area and kitchen. There is a water shortage in that part of town, and we ask that you pray for a solution to this issue. We may need to dig a well if all else fails.

Our weekly church wide soul-winning time is going well with new people coming out. Since our last letter in January, over 80 people have trusted Christ.

We are still receiving the occasional Christmas card and anniversary card, such is the postal service here. Once again we appreciate the well wishes; thank you for thinking of us. With the travel bans still in place, we cannot even begin to think about, let alone plan, our next trip to the States. Thankfully we were able to get a full refund on two of our tickets. We look forward to someday being able to travel again and getting to visit some of you and hopefully be a blessing to your church.

We truly are thankful for your faithfulness in supporting us financially and in prayer. These are trying times indeed, but one thing is certain: God is on the throne and Jesus is returning any day now. Let's keep looking up as we work the white fields of His harvest.

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Dear praying friends,

Greetings from the wet and sultry northeastern Brazil winter. We did not get much of a summer as it has remained quite rainy since last winter. This has caused some impact on our ministry.

Our soul winning stats remain way down as in our last update. Since then we can report 72 souls having trusted Christ. We have had to cancel several churchwide soulwinning times. I really don't like having to do this as it not only means the Gospel gets out less but also our people get out less. There is no better exercise to keep the Christian in spiritual shape than sharing the Gospel.

We even had to cancel a midweek service due to the weather. That particular Wednesday the rain was quite brutal, causing floods and landslides. Several roads including main throughfares were blocked, leading to mayhem that afternoon and evening. Many families lost their homes due to landslides, some their lives. Others lost many possessions to water damage. We have had it relatively mild; Pernambuco, a state a few hours north of us, had major flooding and hundreds perished.

It is so good to see the difference Christ makes in people's lives. Nica is a teenage girl who has been coming to one of our churches with her grandmother Josilene, who raises her. Nica told us how thankful she is that Josilene has become “a different person” since coming to church. On a different occasion Josilene said just as much about Nica.

Please pray the Lord continues to bless both churches. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support.

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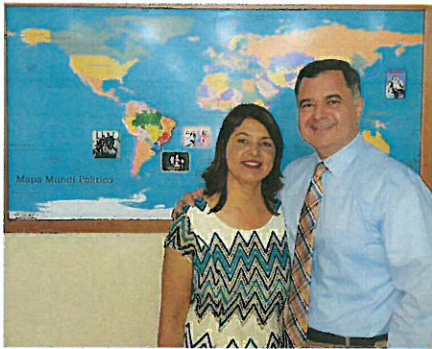
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Dear praying friends,

Well, 2022 is just ticking by, is it not? It becomes clearer with each passing day that the playing field is being readied all the more for His return to snatch us out of this ever increasing messy world. This world is not my home and I am glad of it.

Let me jump right to it and say that since our last update, over 75 people have trusted Christ. That is a big drop from our “normal,” which concerns me, but we have been covering and reaching some harder than usual areas. Also we are having fewer number of folks coming out. Pray we can get back to the norm and then some.

Since our last letter, our fourth grandchild Mila has arrived. Precious little Mila has made our daughter Michelle and husband Emmanuel proud and very tired. Michelle did have some serious complications, but all is well. Thank you for all who prayed.

I also want to express our gratitude for all the cards and gifts we received over the Christmas period. They were a real blessing and we appreciate them very much.

We do have an important and constant prayer request: pray for workers. This is a specific prayer request the Lord tells us to pray for and, as always, He is absolutely right.

Thank you again for your prayers and ever faithfulness in your financial support.

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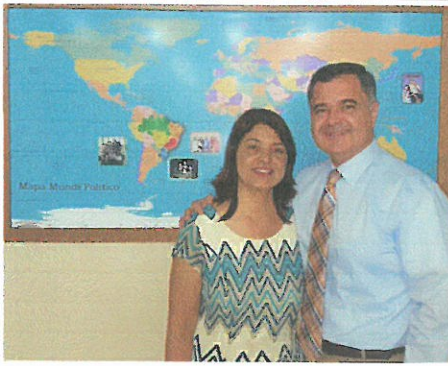
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Dear praying friends,

Is time flying for everyone, or is it just us? Being busy and loving every second of it makes it seem that way for us. It really is hard to believe we have been on the field for over sixteen years.

That brings me to the first point in this update. In October, we celebrate two anniversaries. Our sixteenth at Metropolitan Baptist Church and our third year at Shadow of the Almighty Baptist Church. Word to the wise, try to space the months out a little when starting new church plants.

It was quite appropriate, I believe, that we celebrated by having a Missions Conference. Our guest speaker was Brother Horton, a lifelong missionary in the northern Amazon region. He and his wife came, and our people were delighted to get acquainted with them and their ministry. As unique as our ministry is here in Alagoas, our people find it encouraging and refreshing to know that there are other churches just like ours. Our Faith Promise giving did go up, and we will be adding another missionary to our missions program.

Our weekly church wide soul-winning time took a hit as it always does this time of year during the rainy season. Still we were blessed to see over 120 people receive the gift of salvation.

We have already moved into the new hall at the second church which is complete with new sound system and all. As I mentioned in a previous letter, the old space we were meeting in was overflowing. The vegetable garden we started with the kids and young people is coming along nicely. They tend to it daily, and every Sunday we distribute produce from it to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness in supporting us here in these challenging times. Let us all be about our Father's business while it is time.

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Dear praying friends,

As 2021 reaches the half-way mark, we look back at some of the great things the Lord has done this year. With all the struggles, obstacles and difficulties we all face, the many blessings He sends our way can sometimes be overlooked. We need to step back and take stock.

We are nearing the end of the building program at our second church. The Children's Church space has been transformed. We have finished adding the baptistery and look forward to seeing the waters stir. There has been real growth this year.

Substantial work had to be done on the roof at our first church. After more than sixteen years, it was about time, especially with the rainy season upon us.

Our weekly church wide soul-winning time is going well. Since our last letter in March, over 164 people have trusted Christ. We have started going to the outskirts of Maceio, visiting small country towns and villages within an hour's drive of us. We have been seeing great results. Ideally, we would like to see new churches started for many of these places have no real gospel presence. As the Lord said, pray for labourers! Please also be in prayer for our Missions Conference in August.

We appreciate your faithfulness in financial support and prayers. With each passing day that great reunion draws ever closer. Let us all be about our Father's business while it is time.

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Dear praying friends,

As 2020 came to a close, we could look back in awe and appreciate the Lord's hand in the rollercoaster ride that was last year. We can certainly say with Samuel, “hitherto hath the Lord helped us.”

As it stands, Simone and I have a couple of tickets to the States that we are currently unable to use. Due to travel restrictions, our trip had to be put on hold. We did try to make it in before the ban came into effect, but it was not to be. So we wait.

Church services have returned to near normal (whatever that is now), and all but a few of our people are participating regularly. We have new visitors almost every service. Several families have joined the church, and just yesterday three people were baptized. Our church-wide soul-winning is back on track, albeit there are fewer people participating. It is good to see some come out to reach souls for the first time. The openness and response to our outreach efforts have greatly increased. People want to listen now more than ever. Since our last update, over 140 people have trusted Christ.

December 27 was our 34th wedding anniversary. Thank you for all the cards and well wishes. I often say we will never get married between Christmas and New Year ever again. It makes plans for celebrating quite complicated.

Thank you for your faithfulness not only financially but also in prayer. During these uncertain times it is good to know there are those who have our backs covered. With each passing day, that great gathering looms ever closer! Maranatha! Until then let's keep on keeping on wherever we are.

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Dear praying friends,

This year has both shaken and stirred churches everywhere, in more ways than one. For better or for worse, 2020 has been a game-changer and an eye-opener. I do not know about anyone else, but I am certainly looking up more than ever, not only because Heaven seems sweeter every day, but also because the current climate tells me gathering time is getting closer.

We have recommenced in-person services for both churches, albeit with a few changes in place. Still we gather, we sing, I preach, we fellowship, and church happens. Some of our people are still genuinely apprehensive and not ready to return to normal. Others, sadly, seem to be taking “time off.”

However most of our folks are ready for normalcy and realize how vital church is. We have been limiting our crowd, and it has broken our hearts to have to turn visitors away. Last week, the person responsible for “vetting” people at the front door left his post, and before we knew it, we had eight visitors “sneak” in. We have since scrapped that rule!

Our church-wide soul winning time is back also, although we are not going out in pairs as is our custom. It has been fantastic! People are primed and ready! They want to listen! There are fewer of us going, but we continue to get the Gospel out. I tell our folks we need to make up for lost time. Since our last update, over 50 people have trusted Christ.

By this time, Simone and I should have already been on and returned from our short furlough. We are still waiting on travel bans to be lifted to plan ahead. It actually worked out for the best that we were not able to go. Had we not been here during these exceptional times, things could have been very different.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support during these trying times. Let us all remain faithful while we wait for Him.

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Dear praying friends,

Since our last letter it seems the world has taken many turns and gone through much change, not necessarily for the better. However, one thing remains the same: God loves sinners and Christ died to save every single one.

Like everyone else, we too have had to adapt to these unprecedented times. From having to cut short a visit to Salvador in Bahia (a 20 hour round-trip drive) and leave town a few hours after arriving because the governor decreed a full lockdown, to having to reschedule our flights to the States, not once or twice but three times, due to cancelations and finally the travel ban.

So no, we did not make our planned furlough. We believe we now know why the Lord closed that door. We have been very busy helping many people from both our churches, and others, to remain healthy and fed during this time. The state government we are in has done a terrible job; not only are they not helping, but they have also gone out of their way to make life more difficult. We have been involved in providing food for many people who lost their livelihoods and are in need.

Unfortunately, we have had two fatalities in our circle. Both were due not to the virus but rather the lack of treatment, even though they were hospitalized. As I write this letter, we have a dear member, André, who is currently in the hospital. If you saw our video preparing the land for the new church, he was the guy cutting the trees down. Please pray for André to fully recover.

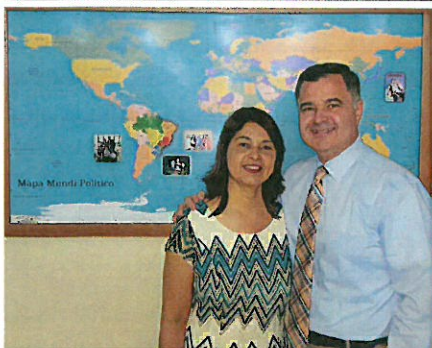
We praise the Lord for the arrival of Claire Emilia Higley, Christian and Gabriela's first child and our first granddaughter. We do miss terribly not being able to be there as planned, but mother and baby are doing fine and we thank the Lord for that.

In the midst of all the turmoil, people's attention have turned to life and death and beyond; but the fear that has been sown is great, and most people are fearful and opportunities are scarce. We have seen precious few people trust Christ, maybe a dozen or so, since our last report.

We appreciate your prayers and your faithful support for the work here in Maceió. Pray the Lord gives wisdom to navigate these changing tides we are all facing.

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Dear praying friends,

The new year is fully underway and suddenly, as is always the case in Brazil, it all grinds to a noisy stop for Carnival. It's that nefarious time of year when a sizable portion of the country goes bonkers - way more barmy than usual.

Every year during Carnival, we hold a meeting in our home for the folks who are not travelling out of town. We come together for preaching, a meal, games and to just hang out. It is always a good time of fellowship.

At the new church, we are in the planning stages of a building project. We need to wall off the rear perimeter of the property and add room for junior church and a baptistry. We might even throw in a proper kitchen if the finances allow. Please pray with us for guidance and finances.

As we mentioned in our last update, Simone and I were in the city Belém in the Amazon. It was our second visit there, and this time we were able to travel into the interior of the state and explore a little of the river ways and its communities. We have partnered with one of the churches I preached in to help reach children in these riverside communities. They too are now a part of our missions program.

We praise the Lord for a growing family. Gabriela is expecting her first child, our third grandchild and first granddaughter. The baby is due to be born in June, so Simone and I will be in the States for two months in the summer. We return to Maceio in the beginning of August, mother and baby in tow; they will be staying with us for awhile and Christian will be joining us for a week before they all return to Connecticut.

Since our last update, in all ministries, we have had a total of 265 souls trust Christ for salvation. We appreciate the vital part you play in the Lord's work here in Maceio. Do remember us in prayer.

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Dear praying friends,

As we announced in our previous update, Simone and I spent part of the summer in the States. For six weeks we traveled from Connecticut to as far as Wisconsin. We are glad to report that we were able to resolve everything we needed to, and then some. Praise the Lord.

It was truly wonderful to visit some of our supporting churches and see friends we had not seen in years. It is difficult to describe how special these times are for us. We were blessed in so many ways, and as always, left with the bittersweet feeling of having departed too soon. But it does give us an idea of how awesome Heaven will be!

Coming up in October, our church will be holding a missions conference. Brother Agnaldo, one of our missionaries, will be here with his family to challenge us to do more for missions. Brother Agnaldo is a national working with Rock of Ages in Brazil and doing a tremendous job leading many hundreds of souls to Christ. Please be in prayer with us for this conference.

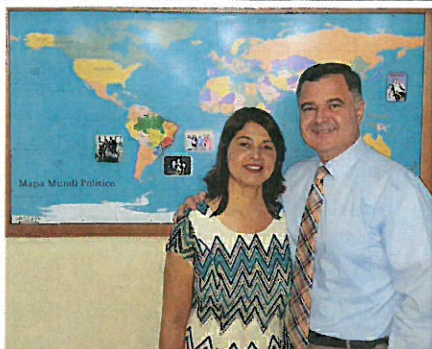
The new church continues to grow. The growth seems slow at times, but I continue to be personally encouraged with the results. The conundrum we were facing about a potential move, as I mentioned in a previous letter, has been solved. You never know for sure around here, but we believe it to be settled. The consensus is that there will be no move. As such, we will begin construction urgently. The children's ministry especially has suffered badly for lack of room. We plan to add a few classrooms for now and, as finances permit, a larger space for the adults.

On the family front, both grandsons Liam and Kaleb continue to grow and be a never-ending source of joy. It was a blessing to have Christian and Gabriela visit us recently; they were able to fly down for a week in August to meet Kaleb.

In the last three months, a total of 232 souls have been saved Thank you for partnering with us in the ministry here in Maceió. Remember us in prayer.

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Dear praying friends,

There is much news that we wish to bring you up to speed on with the letter.

On the family front, our second grandson Kaleb has arrived, and both mom and baby are doing well. Liam is growing up fast and we now have two little ones on whom to bestow doting frenzy.

You may find it hard to believe, but we are still receiving Christmas cards! Such is the postal system here. Once again we appreciate every card, note and gift we receive. Thank you for thinking of us.

We covet your prayers for our Missions Emphasis in May. We will be having Bro. Guaraci, one of our missionaries, visit with his family to report and challenge us to do more for missions. Bro. Guaraci is a national pastor working in Sergipe, the state south of us. There is the only independent Baptist church in that state. Please also pray for our mission's conference in October.

The new church plant is growing. I am personally very encouraged with the work there. In fact, we had plans to expand the facility by adding an auditorium and classrooms. Notice that I said we “had” plans. Why is that? Well, we recently discovered there is a possibility that the whole community will be moved and the area bulldozed to make way for a new road system. That doesn't sound too encouraging, does it? Thankfully, there is a silver lining to this situation. In such cases as this, the people are relocated and given—yes, given—homes in new government housing developments. Typically, government housing is larger and has better infrastructure than where we are now. So if indeed such plans go ahead, the church would get a new building and move along with the people of that neighborhood, to a part of the city with even more people to reach. The one drawback is that until we know for certain what the future holds, we have to put any building expansion plans on hold. Until then we continue to become increasingly crowded, especially the children's ministry.

Simone and I have to make an unplanned trip to the US to address pressing bank issues which require our physical presence. From June 6th to July 8th, we will be stateside in the Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio areas. Pray we can accomplish all that is necessary.

Since our last update we have had 260+ people profess faith in Christ. Thank you for your part in this ministry. Remember us in prayer.

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Dear praying friends,

We pray that everyone has had a great start to 2019. We certainly have and look forward to what the Lord will do this year. It has been about a month since we returned from our trip “home.” It was wonderful to spend time with family and old friends. We were able to visit and report to two of our supporting churches. It is hard to describe the bond that binds brethren we haven’t seen in years.

As I mentioned in my last letter, a few of our member have recently moved away, but the Lord has been adding new folks. Once such example is Luis and his family. They are new to Maceio and visited our church for the first time two months ago. They have faithfully attended all services ever since and are going out to win souls to Christ.

Please be in prayer for Michelle and our second grandson who is expected to arrive early March. Liam is growing up so quickly and he is such a blessing; Simone and I are on doting mode constantly. Also pray for two of our families in both churches who have suffered the loss of a child. This past week, one family lost a daughter in a car accident, and the other lost a son who was killed in a crime-related incident.

Carnival is upon us again, a dreadful time of year for anyone who is not inclined to debauchery and godlessness. All manner of sin and disregard to any sort of decency becomes rampant. On the run up to it, thieves tried to break into our main church building. Praise the Lord they were unsuccessful. Sadly, a recently-opened, family-run store across the street got cleaned out the same night. Thank you for prayer for protection; we need it more than ever.

Thank you for the many cards, care packages and financial gifts sent to us for Christmas. The postal service here is quite slow, to the point that that we just now received a package meant for Thanksgiving!

Since our last letter in December we have seen over 425 souls put their trust in Christ for Heaven. We are grateful for your faithfulness in praying and supporting the work here in Maceio.

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Dear praying friends,

It has almost been a month since I returned from a 10 day visit to the States. It was great to spend time with Christian and Gabby who were wonderful hosts to me. Gabby accompanied me in all but one trip so we had time to catch up. The only downside was that I traveled alone since Simone stayed in Maceio. It was however wonderful to visit friends I had not seen in a long time. It is quite amazing the bond with which the Holy Spirit binds the brethren. It was a shame to leave so soon after arriving, but we will have eternity in Heaven to fellowship. At the moment, we still have work to be done here, much work.

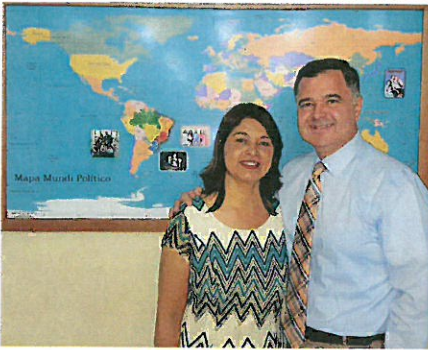
Speaking of work, Shadow of the Almighty Baptist Church will hold its first official service on Sunday, October 7. The promotional literature is back from the printers. We have started canvassing and my main worry now is that we will not have enough room to accommodate the large numbers of people who say they are coming. We may have to contact people and have two inaugural services (how weird is that?) We may need to start building a larger auditorium on the property sooner than we thought. Please pray for the Lord to send the people and supply the needs as we strive and labour to move forward.

While canvassing the area around the new church, we witnessed what I can only describe as a miracle. A five-year-old boy who lives in that community was walking home with his mother and siblings when he was struck by a passing car. After fully hitting and throwing the little boy, the car also ran over him. I heard the screech, the thud and the screams and cries, but I hesitated to look envisaging the carnage and turmoil. The boy stood up and ran to the curb where his mom picked him up. When I approached to check on the situation to pass along information to the medic in the ambulance I had called, he was alive, in one piece and sobbing. I attempted to calm the mother as I told her an ambulance was on its way. It was heartbreaking to see his siblings run home in tear and despair. I will call in on them to see how they are doing. It definitely was a miracle. Now we need to go tell them of an even greater miracle.

Since our letter in July, 160+ souls have trusted Christ. Thank you for caring for souls and lives in Maceió. Remember us in prayer.

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Dear praying friends,

For a while now we have been planning on slowing down a little, to catch our breath, so to speak. Well, we are still looking forward to that. With the new church and the associated building project, we have been caught up in a whirlwind of busyness. I'm excited to share the following updates.

We can now envisage a starting date for the first service of the Shadow of the Almighty Baptist Church. Believe me, the name sounds a lot better in Portuguese; even more so because the new church is located in a place known to the locals as "the shadow." The folks nearby are enthusiastic and delighted at the new church. They have watched us work and have seen how much is being invested to create a place for the church to meet that is as first-class as we can make it.

We have met with several hiccups along the way, but the Lord has supplied every need. A new roof had to go up, and there were water-pipe leakages and then later water shortages to be dealt with; the list goes on. Another thing that created a huge overhead in terms of time and expense was the incredible amount of red tape we had to go through. Unfortunately this is very common in Brazil.

Speaking of hiccups, a few weeks ago a runaway horse-trailer became unhitched from a truck right in front of our church. It came careening down the street and into our parked car, narrowly missing two passing girls. The trailer crashed into the very spot where I had been standing a few moments earlier. Thank you to whoever was praying for us at the time: nobody was injured. Our car did not fare so well, but the damage was mainly cosmetic. Auto insurance around here is not required and for the guilty party to pay for repairs is not the usual outcome. Indeed, the truck driver did not have insurance, but he did pay out of pocket to fix our vehicle. That, in and of itself, is another miracle. So thank you again for praying.

We have not yet set an actual date for the inaugural service, but it will most likely be within the next six weeks or so. You only get to start a church once, and so we try to get it right that one time. We are waiting on the flyers from the printers, the final touches and clean up on the property, a pulpit, tables and chairs, and one other thing - which brings us to the next item at hand.

On August 3rd, I will be travelling to the United States for ten days. Simone will stay behind as it is such a short trip. I will be staying in Connecticut with our daughter Gabriela and son-in-law Christian. I have scheduled six meetings in churches within a two hour driving distance from their home. One of the reasons for the trip is to pick up some personal supplies and ministry supplies for both churches.

Soon after my return on August 13th, a definite start date will be set for within the month. If all goes according to plan, by the next update we should have news about the new church starting in earnest.

Thank you to all the churches that have contributed financially with the new church plant. Let me just say that our "old" church here, Metropolitan Baptist Church, has matched every penny given.

Since our previous update, 445+ souls have professed faith in Christ. Thank you for being steadfast in prayer and financial support. Together much is being accomplished for the cause of Christ. Remember us in prayer.

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Here we are reporting again from the far away land of Maceió.

For the last month or two, we have been experiencing the ever punctual rainy season. Maceió has seen floods, landslides, and some major disruption in the city. A number of people have become homeless, many have lost much materially, and sadly some have perished from this life. It really hits home how urgently we need to get the Gospel out to all people.

The rain has also hampered our building plans for the new church plant. The building project has been put on hold for now. With all the rain we have been getting, the new roof that needs to go up has been on our minds. Please pray that we can complete this project as quickly as possible.

The rains also make it more difficult to reach people. For the majority of the year here in Maceió, most people can be found outside. However, the rains make everyone disappear indoors and precious little will make them come out. Since our last letter we have seen 166 people trust Jesus; but many, many more still need to come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

We continue to see growth numerically and spiritually, for which we praise the Lord. Several have come forward for believer's baptism.

Tomorrow Simone and I are flying over 4 hours to Belém do Para where I will be preaching in a few independent Baptist churches in the Amazon region. These churches were started by American missionaries, and it will be inspiring to see the work there and encourage the brethren.

Now for some family news: Michelle and Emmanuel are expecting their firstborn. It seems it's a boy! So this year will see Simone and I grandparents. How about that? Praise the Lord.

Thank you for supporting and praying for the work here in Maceió.

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Greetings from Maceió where the Lord has been blessing us and keeping us on our toes.

The big 2017 push is well under way. As we mentioned in our last update, we had chosen a location and a building for the new church plant. The Lord blessed tremendously and provided the full amount. However when the time came for us to close on the property, it had already been sold. As always, when the Lord closes a door he opens another. Not long after that became unavailable to us, a better opportunity presented itself. Having the funds in hand, I am thrilled to report that we purchased a piece of land with a good sized building on it. It did not come without its share of drama and haggling; and although I would like to say it was my extreme bargaining and negotiating skills that saw us through, it was God Who steered everything His way. The new site is in a great location and has a better layout for a church. There is one downside however: it needs a new roof, among other things. We are trying to raise an additional \$3000 to cover these unforeseen costs.

The people at the new location are excited and come by to check us out whenever we are there working, cleaning and fixing things. We cannot as yet set a start date because we really do need to fix the roof problem. If you can help in any way it would be a tremendous blessing and help.

This month Simone and I had the opportunity to be with missionary Juan Vallejo and his family and church. I preached for him and got to know his work in São Paulo. They too have their hands full in the Lord's work.

In other important news, we had Gomes Muanza join our church all the way from Angola; he is currently studying at the university here in Maceió. Just as importantly, we can report over 250 professions of faith from our church-wide soul-winning efforts.

Thank you for supporting and praying for the work here in Maceió.

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