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Dear Prayer Partners,

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands" (Psalm 92:1, 4).*

For many, many years we prayed for a permanent meeting place for Faith Baptist Church, in the western side of the great city of Sao Paulo. For many years we met in rented store fronts . For some years we even met at the public school cafeteria. Over the last two years we had been meeting at the parsonage, at the back of our church property.



We praise the Lord for giving us a spacious meeting space! The concrete ceiling slab looks great! We now have plenty of room for our services! Though unfinished, our auditorium provides us with a new ministry tool in trying to reach the lost souls with the life-transforming message of the Gospel.

Thank you for praying with us and for contributing towards this project.

We also praise the Lord for providing for us to build two bathrooms on the main floor. We are working towards doing two Sunday school classrooms. The parsonage will eventually be used to house our national coworker, whom we are training for the ministry. We praise the Lord, and we are so glad for what He has done!

We will now pray about the

possibility of building the second story, which will be our Sunday school classrooms and fellowship hall (we are planting a Baptist church! Baptists like to fellowship!!). Our goal is to build the second story before doing the finishes on the main floor. For the time being, we do not have stucco, flooring or even windows, but we do have a concrete ceiling! Please continue to pray with us about the continuation of this project.

On April 7, we had a special thanksgiving



Our very first first service.



Joao Pedro



Estefano

service. It was our very first service on our new facility. Our pastor, Matt Morrell from our sending church, was able to come and preach for us on this special occasion. This was a special day for sure! There were over 50 visitors who came and heard a clear gospel presentation. We gave Bibles to those who came. It was a way of telling our whole neighborhood that we are there to stay!

Though we are spending some time, finances and effort on the construction of our building, our focus continues to be on the people.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to baptize Estefano and Joao Pedro ON TOP of the concrete ceiling slab. Joao Pedro is the son of one of our members who was restored last year. The Lord has been at work in this young man's heart, and he has become a great helper in our children's ministry. Estefano was saved last year. He had attended many years ago and had heard the Gospel. It wasn't until recently that he was able to trust in Christ and be freed from his many addictions.

Estefano now is engaged in sharing the good news with his family, friends and coworkers. Pray for the salvation of his mother Rose and sisters Maria and Luciana.

Another person who came for our special services was Corina. Corina is the mother of Ana Paula, one of our very faithful members. Corina heard the Gospel over ten years ago and did many of the Bible studies. After many years hearing the Gospel, she was now finally ready to trust in Christ for her salvation! We praise the Lord for saving souls! We praise the Lord for this answer to prayer after many, many years. Thank you so much for partnering with us as we endeavor to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Sao Paulo! Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!



Please pray with us for the salvation of souls and for the discipleship of these new believers. Pray with us for the next phase of our construction, so we may continue to impact our neighborhood. Pray with us for our coworker Lailton, as he is facing many personal and spiritual struggles.

Patricia and the kids are doing well. They are constant reminders of God's goodness.

For the souls in Brazil and for His glory,

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