



## MISSIONARY LETTER - MARCH/2023

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EVANDRO JUNIOR AND FAMILY

Dear brothers,

We are still in winter and heading towards spring in Portugal. The end of the year 2022 was one of gratitude to the Lord, we had our communion lunch at Christmas and great was the joy and edification in the church. In early 2023 we took a family trip to the UK; we were received at the home of dear brother and friend Pr. Fábio Silva, who opened the house to us in a moment of joy with his family; I also preached at his church, Ridley Hall Evangelical Church, as well as presenting our church (and projects) at prayer meeting and at a fellowship of British pastors (Fraternal). Very dear people who love the Gospel we met there. We returned to Portugal with renewed faith.

We are grateful to the Lord because in the last weekend of February our church completed 78 years of existence in the city of Porto; our church was founded along with na nursing home and na orphanage, institutions that we provide weekly chaplaincy and evangelization services. The commemorations of the church's anniversary were organized in the format of a theological conference, whose theme was: "The Doctrines of Grace in Practical Life: The Implications of Calvinism for the Life and Piety of the Church"; and two fellow pastors from the north of the country were invited.

Many people came to be with us; thanks to the Lord, we have experienced healthy growth and we have already started registration for our third room for new members. We have been teaching the theological distinctives of our church, which is historically Baptist, anchored in the Reformed tradition and confessional under its underwriting of the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith. Despite the current growth, however, the church is still in this revitalization process, with its challenges and problematic history of the past being patiently resolved, because when we took over the pastorate in this church, it was in a post-pandemic moment, and the church had also gone through internal problems and was spiritually dying. However, lately, God has given grace and we have made some advances.

Good news is that we are back to in-person prayer meetings, which had been paralyzed since 2019.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1) Full ministerial support of the pastoral family, which currently does not cover expenses;
- 2) Reforms in the physical building of the church, which needs to expand the space to fit more chairs on Sundays;
- 3) Pray in favor of the plantation project in Braga and in the north of Portugal  
(we will start our first meetings this year);
- 4) Pray for our project of a reformed Bible institute for the training of workers in the north of Portugal, which will supply the need for these plantations (a few adjustments are needed for the start).

In Christ,

Evandro Junior, Ramone, Eva, Nicole and Israel.

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Below are some pictures of our church and our recent work:



FIRST MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF 2023



FIRST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF 2023

BAPTISM IN JANUARY



COMMUNION LUNCH



SERVICE AND PREACHING ON THE LORD'S DAY



POST-SERVICE MOMENT, TELLING THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH IN THESE 78 YEARS



CHAPTER WORK AND TEACHING IN OUR CHURCH'S NURSING HOME (FEBRUARY, 2023)

VISIT AND PREACHING AT RIDLEY HALL - UK

