

Pastor Adauto & Gina Rezende – Graciosa Island Azores-2017-2018

Hello Brothers/Sisters in Christ.

Blessings,

I pray that all of you are strong in your faith in Christ, our Lord.

This is our second month in Azores Islands. First of all I would like to thank you for your support and intercessions. Some of our prayer requested; the Lord had already answered. He opened doors and sent blessings such as:

The place for our meetings in the main town Santa Cruz combined with our new residence for an affordable price. Our first meeting there will be on January the 7th.

We gave almost all the Galcom radios (talking Bible for illiterate and blind) to locals in Graciosa and to some people from Terceira Island. These radios were donated by the Free Methodist church from Napanee ON, plus some of our church members from Cambridge, ON.

Another two disciples had been added to the five Christians in the island in November. They became Christians, were

baptized and are attending regularly the church meetings, along we had visited some families who had confessed Christ as their personal savior and we are often visiting and praying for them.

We held two meetings in November in a local nursing home which gave us opportunity to share the gospel and to meet and build relationships with residents, staff and family relatives.

We had presented in the city theatre the evangelistic movie “The Hope” (translated in Portuguese) last Saturday the 23rd. We had about 30 people. In their way we gave bibles and literatures as well for those who had requested (about 25).

Gina and I met the leadership of the Assemblies of God in Terceira Island. It was very profitable for us for we could hear and see the challenges they have over there. Their church



Some people are getting the Galcom talking Bibles



Friday service in the nursing home



Thomas and Ana came to the Lord and were baptized in November



Pastor Carlos, João e Roberto from the church in Terceira Island.



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have about 80 people and pastor Carlos and his wife Ines has been on the Island for 20 years. They are a blessing couple and have been working faithfully to share the gospel to the local people (around 65 thousand – the second major Island of Azores). It was also an occasion to get to know each other and to build a partnership for prayer and fellowship. I also have been blessed by a great brother and pastor who live in Tampa-USA but, that was born in Graciosa. His parents immigrated to the States when he was five. His name is Emmanuel Cunha. He has been praying for his people for many years and to see missionaries serving in long-term ministry in Azores, therefore since our arrival, we are connecting regularly, praying over the phone and he is a tremendous encourager, with a loving and generous heart. He put together a webpage with information and the needs of the Azores Islands. You can check it out on line -gospelforazores.org.

About the missionary couple to move in to Graciosa, I spoke to the mission director of a full gospel evangelical church in Lisbon who was very exciting with the idea of sending someone to keep the work here before our departure in the middle of March of 2018. They would replace us and continue with the church in partnership with our ministry in Canada and theirs in Europe.



Of course, we had found some strongholds and obstacles that need much prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit for a breakthrough. One is an outbreak of depression among the population; therefore a huge consumption and addiction of barbiturates and alcoholism, resulting in a mental anesthesia and poor concentration. Also, many are trapped by fear of evil spirits due to involvement in witchcraft and pagan practices such as necromancy and idolatry. From the deep of my heart I thank you all in Canada, USA, Brazil and other places for your prayer for us, but much intercession is still necessary for them as well.

These loving people must know Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. They must be delivered from the devil's kingdom and convey into the kingdom of the Son of His (God) love. They must take possession of the abundantly life offered by Jesus, and be free from the thief-the devil, who are stealing their spiritual blessings, destroying their hope of salvation and murdering their souls. We are always praying for you all!

Best regards,

In Christ,

Pastor Adauto Rezende

HAPPY NEW YEAR!