



NORTHEASTERN  
Brazil

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When my calendar reminded me that it was time to write another prayer letter, I was shocked. I cannot believe that another six weeks has gone by this fast. But as they say, "Time flies when you are having fun!"

In the last letter, we asked for prayer for the owners to resolve a situation with the neighbors so that we could move forward with the renovations on the other part of our building. Thank God, the situation has been resolved! But let me take a little more time to explain what is going on here.

The first phase of our renovation was to renovate a smaller area at the back of the property that we could use to hold our first services. This area had space to hold about 18 people, observing social distancing requirements.

In order to begin the second phase, we had to wait for the owners to resolve a situation with the neighbors. Once that situation was resolved, we were able to renovate a larger area on the other side of the building and move our service to that side of the building. This space can hold about 30 people, observing the social distancing requirements, and will become our junior church area in the future. We were able to complete the necessary renovations this past week and hold our first service there this past Sunday. We were so excited to have 27 people at our first service in our new space! Praise God!

We are now looking forward to Phase Three which is the construction of our new sanctuary. As I have related before, the only problem with our property was that there was no large space in which to hold services; however, there is space to add on. God allowed us to reach an agreement with the owners in which we pay all the up-front costs to add on the new area that will be used as a sanctuary, but we can deduct a large portion of it from the rent over the next several years! The addition is going to cost about \$13,000 and will give us the space to hold about 55 socially-distanced people, and once the pandemic ends, we should have space for nearly 100 people.

Why are we moving so fast? Well, despite the pandemic, we have seen over 30 people saved in the past 10 weeks and we have had about 17 first-time visitors to the church. Several of these have returned for a second or third time and several are interested in becoming members. Because of the current restrictions in our city, we have not been able to hold children's classes or a nursery. This means that in 10 weeks only one visitor has brought one child to our services, and no one has brought a baby. We interpret that to mean that once the restrictions have loosened, we can expect to see many more parents and children attending our services. We want to be ready for what God is going to do here! Please continue to pray that God will continue to open doors here in the north east of Brazil!

27 PEOPLE IN  
ATTENDANCE

### PHASE 3

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