

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

Hello Brothers/Sisters in Christ.

Blessings,



I hope to find you all, strong in your faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

After a time of prayer I felt the Lord calling me to leave Canada and to travel to Graciosa Island to plant a church. Being obedient to the vision, Gina and I arrived in Azores-Portugal in November 02nd 2017.



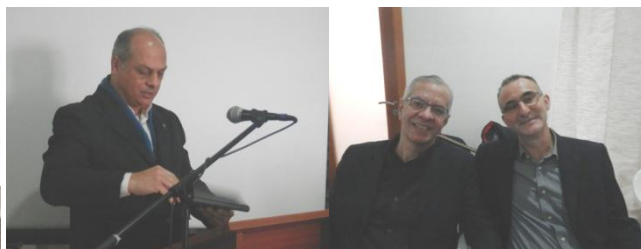
After some research, I found out that there was not a single church in the Island of about 4.500 people.

We started our church meetings in a village about 7km from the central town with five people. In the middle of November I finally found a place in the main city called Santa Cruz, however it was in renovation. The space with a double purpose – our residence and the church building (since the beginning of January, we were using a small area of the place just for church meetings on Sundays, and while waiting, we were living temporarily outside the city in a single room with an improvised kitchen).



During this time, I called some friends asking them for prayer in our behalf, while we were continually praying for

The church service in the new place church members, Bishop Gerald and pastor Pizani from Methodist church.



our mission to succeed, for I felt a strong opposition combined with a demonic attack against us. I got in



to a spiritual warfare against the evil powers, and thank God, he heard yours and our prayers and gave us victory. Finally after much trials, we finally got the place permanently (there were many problems during the building renovation, delaying our moving in almost 2 months). Meanwhile, in my search for a ministry partnership, I called Pastor Moses from the Methodist

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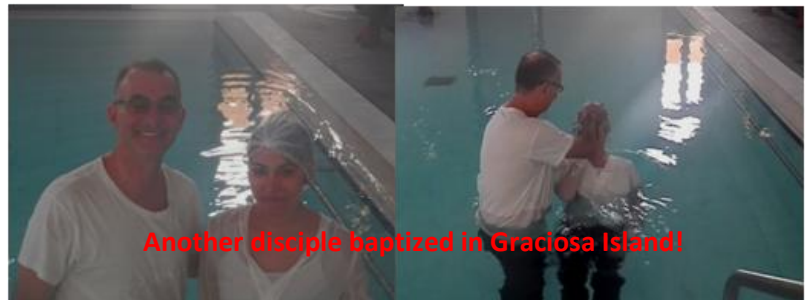
Church in Brazil (He had served as missionary in Canada in 1991, where I met him). He called Gerald Lucio, the denomination bishop in Europe, who contacted me few days later. After I



explained our mission, he decided to travel in the beginning of February to see the possibility of taking over the new church in Graciosa and to send a missionary couple to stay in our place in a long term mission. Consequently, we would finish our work and return to Canada in the official schedule- March, 10th. Gerald came on February 02nd and after a meeting and some information sent to his leadership in Lisbon; they very gladly had decided not just to keep the work, but also to make Graciosa Church a base to plant new churches in the other Azoreans Island as well.

The new building in Santa Cruz

Nevertheless, by the experience of living here during this time in Graciosa Island, I know that the church will need financial support to function. In order to assist them in this matter, we will contact some donors who could join the ministry sending missionary offerings to the Methodist church in Lisbon and they would send it over to Graciosa(I will give more details next month).



Another disciple baptized in Graciosa Island!

Furthermore, keep praying not just for this Island, but for Azores. Pray for the strengthening of the local churches and for new workers to come in places where there is no church yet. Pray also for us, that in the next 40 days, we can carry on, sharing the gospel with boldness, teaching new believers, and above all, to be sensitive in hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.

We are always praying for all of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Adauto Rezende