

Hello everyone,

Blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray that all of you are strong in your faith.

We just returned from our mission trip from Azores, Portugal, after staying for four and 1/2 months in Graciosa Island to establish an evangelical church in the Island.



The Lord had directed us in every step of this assignment. The first thing we did was getting to know the local people and build relationships. As I had mentioned in my former reports we were holding meetings with five people in one of the villages (Praia) and started a home discipleship meeting in the main village, Santa Cruz.

After two months we found a place under renovation for rent downtown Santa Cruz, which was exactly what I was looking for (we could live in there and have our church meetings as well).

While the renovation was taking place, we found a

room for ourselves and on Sundays we started the meetings in the building (cleaning the dust and moving construction junks out of the way every time we get together).

We started a second home meeting discipleship in another village with nine people on Saturdays, which turned to be a blessing as we shared the gospel with them-five had accepted the Lord. One of the new believers was visiting his parents for a short period of time. He was born in Graciosa, but three years ago had moved to Austria. I shared the gospel and God opened his heart widely to receive Jesus as his personal saviour and Lord. After few days he went back to Vienna. In our next Saturday meeting he joined us online for the bible study through his mother's cellphone, holding on his New Testament that we gave him while with us in Graciosa.

Suzana, the young girl that was baptized in January, moved to Sao Jorge- another Island of Azores, to start a new job in the beginning of March. The great news about her is that she had received an online scholarship by the Methodist Bible College and soon will start her theological studies (she had told me about her desire to serve the Lord as a missionary and a door was opened to her).



In the beginning of February we moved in to the new place after much difficulty as the contractor still left some work undone. We were holding the meetings with 14 people in Santa Cruz on Sundays morning and the Bible studies and prayer meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays evening, plus the discipleship group in Praia on Saturdays afternoon.

The next challenge was to find a ministry that would be available to come and keep the work, as the time for our returning to Canada was approaching. The church who used to visit Graciosa had already stated that they could not send someone permanently there (they were struggling to be there even on every other monthly basis). I also spoke to another evangelical organization in Lisbon, who did not have anyone to send.

However, in my morning prayers the Lord brought in my mind a missionary from the Wesleyan Methodist Church who directed me to Geraldo, their bishop in Europe. He came with his wife Marleide and former bishop and pastor Calegari and his Wife Maria Celia on Tuesday, March the 06th.



**LEADERSHIP TRANSITION IN MARCH
PASTOR CALEGARI PRAYING FOR US**

Brother Calegari was the pioneering church planter in Portugal (he left Brazil in 1979 and established dozens of churches in main land Portugal).

Therefore, by the Lord's providence, the Methodist church had decided to take over the ministry and will send a missionary couple as long term pastors in Graciosa on April (Calegari will stay for a month period until their arrival).

One of the goals of MWC is to send Bible college students to Graciosa for missionary training purpose and evangelism (the vision is that many others daughters' churches will be

born from Graciosa, to help the evangelization of Azores).

Our last three days was very busy, but very blessed and joyful as well. On Wednesday, we were officially dismissed and the Wesleyan Methodist Church became the local evangelical ministry. On Thursday the missionaries, Marleide, Gina and Celia had the first women's conference, and Friday I preached on our last day in Graciosa with pastor Calegari leading the meeting. Saturday, March 10th we travel back to Canada leaving behind a loving group of brethren that will be always in our hearts.



**PRAYER TIME IN VILLAGE
OF PRAIA**



**PASTOR CALEGARI, MARIA CELIA
AND ILBERTO.
THE WORSHIP TEAM OF GRACIOSA**

Once again I thank you all who prayed for us. It was essential for the breakthrough against the demonic strongholds and evil powers that tried to oppose our mission.

However, we still need your intercessions. Please, join us in prayer for the church members, for the new missionaries that I mentioned above, and also for funds to cover the church building rental (350.00 euros), plus the monthly expenses (around 400 euros). Our next challenge is to find sponsors that might help in a year commitment to maintain the

missionary work in Graciosa (If you sense by the Holy Spirit to help with any amount, please make your gift payable to: A COLHEITA MINISTRY- a donation receipt can be issued for the eligible amount – Mailing address – 05 Bruce Street, Cambridge, ON – N1R 2C8, Phone 519 722 9560).

Back in Canada, I am still broadcasting the programs on Faith FM in Kitchener and help some local ministries. I am also in the final phase to publish my latest book "The Five Garments of Joseph" in Portuguese.

Gina is doing well. She, as usual, was a great warrior in Azores – giving out tracts, sharing the gospel and visiting people, teaching Sunday school for the kids and always a blessing servant of Jesus Christ!

We are always praying for you all!

Best regards,

In Christ,