

Dear Friends,

➤ **UPDATES AND NEWS**

- In my last email, I shared that one of the members of the church plant in Santa Cruz had invited two of her colleagues to begin participating in the weekly Bible study. One of these colleagues, Daniela, attended. Then, she started attending Sunday evening services, and at the end of November she gave her life to Jesus! Also, in November, a woman by the name of Eva came to a Sunday evening service and that very evening accept Christ as her Saviour and Lord.



- In November I was able to participate on a committee responsible for developing the curriculum for a new Church Planters' Course that will be

started in our state in 2012. It is the first training program of its kind in Brazil. As the Brazilians say this

kind of strategic planning is "my beach" – it's something I really enjoy doing. What's even more exciting is that I've been invited to be one of the professors for this new two-year course.

- Just last night the Seminary held our graduation ceremonies! What a joy to see these twenty students (not everyone could attend) celebrating this moment on their journey. I had the privilege of giving them their pseudo-diplomas (they get their real ones in February). One of the graduates was my husband, so it was a very special evening indeed! We praise God for these graduates and for their service and dedication to Kingdom work.
- I will be joined by my husband, Paulo on home assignment from December 2011 to March 2012. We will also be joined on home assignment by the new Brazilian director of Chain of Love, Telmo, and his family for five weeks in January and February. During this time we will be visiting church in Alberta as a team and I will be Telmo's official interpreter. We look forward to being with some of our supporters in person and are sad we are not able to see all of you. But please know that you are in our prayers! We praise God for your prayers and support...for partnering with us in Brazil!

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light...for to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. Isaiah 9:2a,6a*

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**PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**PRAISE:** for our largest graduating class ever at the Seminary – twenty-three students! For the start of a new Church Planters' Training Centre in our state - the first of it's kind in Brazil. For two new converts, Eva and Daniela, at the church plant in Santa Cruz. For God's provision and the opportunity to be involved in sending two short-term missionaries to Portugal. For God's constant protection.

**PRAY:** for wisdom for important decisions to be made at the Seminary for next year. That the Church Planters' Course would meet their enrollment goal of twenty students for 2012. That the faith of these new Christians (Celi, Luis, Mana, Eva, and Daniela) would grow. For God's direction as my husband, Paulo, enters full-time ministry in 2012.