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What I do: Through a church I helped start, I encourage people, particularly women, to connect with Christ



Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church

Dear friends,

Grace and peace! I hope that each one of you who receives this letter is doing well.

I want to deeply thank you for all the support and the prayers you have dedicated to my ministry here in Brazil. I have truly felt your care and partnership, even from afar, and that has been a great encouragement to me.

Next month, in December, it will be two years since I was diagnosed with colon cancer. At that time, it felt like a death sentence. But today, after going through all the treatment and witnessing God's healing in my life, I feel strengthened and even more willing to proclaim the kingdom of God. Of course, emotionally there are still days of insecurity related to the disease – these are feelings that are not easy to overcome after going through something like that.

For some time now, as a church, we have been praying in our prayer meetings for a man named Elias. He lives near the workplace of one of our church members and was diagnosed some years ago with throat cancer. Unfortunately, even after receiving all the treatment offered through the public health system, the cancer progressed to his mouth, and he had to have all of his teeth removed. In his most recent exams, they also detected cancer in his head.

In September, he told Diogo, the church member who knows him, that he wanted us to come and visit him. So on a Sunday afternoon, we went to his home to share the love of God with him. And to our surprise, God had prepared a very special moment that day.

I had the opportunity to share my own journey with him – how God cared for me, the healing I experienced, and above all, the salvation that is only found in Jesus. I shared that Jesus is the only way to the Father, and that through the cross our relationship with God can be restored. We prayed for Elias, prayed for miraculous healing over his physical body, but also prayed for salvation. In that moment, tears ran down his face as he asked for forgiveness for his sins and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. That same afternoon, he also asked to be baptised right there. There is no way to fully describe the peace and joy that filled that house in that moment.

We continue to pray for physical healing in Elias's body, because we believe that God can do all things – but we rejoice that the greatest miracle of all, salvation, has already happened.

God has been doing so many things among us, and I have been encouraging our congregation to



With Elias, Diogo and Joao

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remember daily and be grateful for everything God has done – not only the great miracles, but also his daily care. It is something I have been practising, and I love sharing this with those I meet: cultivating a thankful heart in God's everyday care for us.

I also want to thank you for your prayers as we searched for a larger space for our church. God moved in a wonderful way on our behalf, and a room right next to ours became available. We were able to rent it and remove the wall between the two spaces, creating a larger area for our services. The space is beautiful and comfortable for everyone who comes. But I must confess – on some Sundays it already seems full again!

I am also immensely grateful and encouraged by your prayers and for the financial support that each of you has given us here. It is because of this support that we are able to remain here and continue the ministry that the Lord has called and equips us to do. I feel that just as the church in Philippi was so sensitive and, even from afar, took part in Paul's ministry,

your support reaches us in that same way – you are present with us through your prayers and your financial support.

However, this year we have experienced a decrease in financial support and as it stands, our funding is not sustainable. However, I know we serve a God who provides. Please pray with me for our funding to increase so we can continue to serve God at the edges. If you are able to increase your regular giving or give an additional gift this year, I would really appreciate you prayerfully considering it. You can give online at churchmissionsociety.org/Rocks, by calling 01865 787489, or if you received this letter by post, by completing the enclosed form. Thank you so much for walking on this mission journey with us.

May God bless each one of you greatly and supply all your needs. We wish you a Christmas filled with the presence of Jesus.

Here at Vineyard, we will be having a special service on 21 December, a time of celebration with worship, prayer, and testimonies, thanking and honouring God for all that he has done in 2025. And I pray that this same spirit of gratitude reaches each of you who is receiving this letter as well.

Prayer requests:

- ▶ Wisdom and strength to keep serving faithfully
- ▶ Physical and emotional health for us all as a family
- ▶ That more people would come to know and experience the love of Jesus

God bless you all,
Katia



Photos from top to bottom: Baptising Elias; our new, bigger church space



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It's so encouraging to hear news from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In the UK, CMS's Pioneer Mission Training programme is equipping people to respond creatively to the Holy Spirit beyond the boundaries of traditional church. Read more and get inspired by other stories of hope at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope

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