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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,

We greet you with great joy and gratitude, trusting that this message finds you well. We hold on to the truth written in Nehemiah 8:10: “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” This is a reminder that our strength comes from him, and it is his joy that sustains us in every season.

We are grateful to share that the work at Vineyard Floripa continues to move forward with great momentum. By God’s grace, we were able to rent all three rooms on the upper floor of the building we were already using. I think in my last letter I wrote that we had rented one extra room, but the third one recently became available too. This has provided us with a much larger and more comfortable space for our Sunday gatherings, as well as for all the ministry activities that take place throughout the week. In addition, we now have a dedicated and spacious area for our children’s ministry, which has been a tremendous blessing.



New church space creating more capacity for new people to join us

During our end-of-year celebrations, we organised a church-wide lunch and hosted a special afternoon at the cinema for the children. We were able to do this thanks to a generous donation from a church in the United Kingdom. These events created meaningful opportunities for fellowship and joy within our community, and we are deeply grateful for this expression of partnership and generosity.

At the beginning of this year, much effort went into preparing and organising the new rooms, ensuring that every space is welcoming, comfortable and safe for everyone who comes through our doors. We had to remove some walls, paint others and install safety nets on all the windows in the children’s rooms to create a secure environment for them.

We have been especially encouraged by the number of new people who have been joining us. Many are finding in our church a safe and welcoming environment where they can explore their faith and grow spiritually.

Our small groups have also resumed, meeting in homes for a time of fellowship, where we gather to read Scripture together and pray for one another. These gatherings have been vital in strengthening relationships and deepening our faith as a community. In addition, our women’s group, Shine, continues to grow strong, meeting once a month. It has become a safe and encouraging space where women can support one another, share the challenges of daily life and seek guidance together alongside other Christian women.

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With each other
To the edges**



Our intercession nights have been particularly powerful, although we continue to pray for greater participation so that more people can experience these impactful times of prayer.

In March, we held our “Buscai” (Seek Him) event, a special service focused on prayer and worship, which once again took place at the beach. It was a beautiful and meaningful time in God’s presence.

Recently, during an afternoon of evangelism, we witnessed a touching example of how the church is making an impact in the local community. A woman who owns a flower shop near the church approached me and asked if she could donate a floral arrangement. Even though she does not attend our services, she expressed a sincere desire to bless the church in some way. This was a powerful reminder that our presence is being felt beyond our walls.

This past Saturday, we held our first children’s event of the year, welcoming kids from both the church and the surrounding community. It was wonderful to see new families stepping into the church for the first time. It is truly encouraging to see the church active, alive and growing within the community – now with an even greater physical capacity to welcome everyone.

Life here in Florianópolis has been very good. As a family, we are doing well, and we are grateful for God’s provision and care in this season. Joanna and Davi are both doing great – they have been working hard in school, growing and learning so much, and it has been a joy to watch them develop and thrive.

Looking ahead, I will be spending a short time in the UK this summer. I am hoping to visit as many churches as possible during that time, reconnecting and sharing what God has been doing here. In order to make the most of the trip, I will likely need to include some midweek visits as well, so I would love to connect and coordinate schedules where possible.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are excited for all that God is doing and will continue to do in and through Vineyard Floripa.

With love,
Katia Rocks



Photos from top to bottom: Craft activities with the children’s ministry; Shine women’s meeting; baptism

Prayer requests:

- ▶ **Church growth and community impact:** Pray for our church to grow, not just in numbers but in influence. Please pray that Vineyard Floripa becomes a source of transformation in our local community, meeting both spiritual and practical needs as the hands and feet of Jesus.
- ▶ **My time in the UK:** Pray also that I would be able to connect with as many churches as possible and share all that God has been doing in Florianópolis. My desire is to encourage, strengthen and build deeper partnerships through these visits. Please also pray that there would be space for rest and that this would be a time of renewal, where we as a family can be refreshed physically, emotionally and spiritually.



Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus

It’s so encouraging to hear news from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In Honduras, mission partners are providing mentoring for children who are likely to drop out of school, or not receive any education. They are introducing them to education and to the love of Jesus. Read more and get inspired by other stories of hope at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope