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Koinonia Baptist Arcoverde officially organized!

What a special day it was to have our official organization of the church on November 7, 2020. We had worked for some time already toward this date and all that was involved with the preparation of the bylaws and doctrinal statement. Little did we realize that it would be our last weekend in Arcoverde before our short furlough. We moved our trip up a few weeks to leave Brazil on the 12th, but were glad all was in place for the big day. Yes, we are now on US soil with our hearts full.

There were 46 charter members and we had the presence and help of Pastor Claudio from Koinonia Baptist in Piedade who chaired the meeting. Officers were elected as required by the government of Brazil, as pictured above. The church in God's eyes and ours has existed for some time, but this formalizes the group's existence and independence from the mother church in Piedade. Pr. Claudio then gave us a challenging and encouraging message from God's Word, which was followed by a food fellowship time. The overall spirit of the day was of peace and rejoicing.

Baptism and surprise going away party for us

And if that wasn't fun enough, the very next day we had a baptism and going away party for us at the event place on the street we live on. This is the same place we have had meetings and baptisms in the past, before we had our own building up. Seven people were baptized - five adults and 2 children. We had our church service there also, followed by a delicious Brazilian barbeque .

Reflecting on all God has done during such difficult times humbles us and encourages us so much. We realize that a lot of prayer and support has come from those of you on our team on the home front. Please be assured of our gratefulness to each and every one of you who uplift us before the throne of grace and partner with us financially to make this all possible. To God be the glory as He builds His church worldwide and in our corner of the world.

Your missionaries, *Roger and Marcy Smith*

