

Smith News

The big news this time is that the inauguration of the new building for Koinonia Baptist in Tupanatinga was held on July 15th! What a blessing for the local congregation and for the groups from Koinonia in Arcoverde and Koinonia in Piedade. Pastor Cláudio who is the lead pastor in Piedade was there for the occasion and gave a word at the end of the service about what a joy it is for all of us to see the expansion of the Gospel in the region. David preached an evangelistic sermon in which he explained the purpose of the church in preaching the pure Gospel and then leading people to personal growth as well as being equipped to serve. It was a very special service.



We will eventually share pictures of the outside of the building when some more of the finishing touches are given.

Please keep this work in your prayers. Our pastor in training, José, is giving the oversight to this young church during the Carrel's furlough. He takes teams there to minister, shares in the preaching and encourages the local team. It is great training for him and others that participate. The meetings there are held on Friday nights. The road there has some really rough sections so prayer for safety in the night travels is important. Thanks!



Pastor Francisco and Dalva & the work in Triunfo

Other recent news is that our missionaries in Triunfo recently were here at Koinonia in Arcoverde reporting on the church plant there. They have a number of people trained there in leadership and are freeing themselves up to be able to possibly soon start a new church plant in another city. The great news is that they were donated two properties to be able to build church buildings: one for the Triunfo church and another in a rural farm community where they have a branch work. They also made the announcement that they will soon organize the church formally and have chosen to use the name Koinonia Baptist. The Piedade church is their sending church and Arcoverde is one of their supporters. This work also needs our prayer support as they step out in faith to build two buildings soon.

Pastor Francisco and Dalva also need our prayers for health issues and direction as they seek to finish well in Triunfo and begin a new outreach.

And last, but not least, we ask prayer for Marcy and I as we oversee the Arcoverde church and lead them into a building project of the new auditorium. We continue to have health issues and are facing lots of red tape to be able to start the construction. We praise God that we have funds in hand and are hopeful to have news soon about the ground breaking.



Love, Roger and Marcy Smith

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Recent visit of son Mike