

Living Bread

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PLANTING CHURCHES AMONG THE GLOBAL POOR

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Navigating the Current Economy

The last few years have been challenging for everyone. Our ministry weathered the pandemic well and saw many come to Christ, especially in Thailand. Financially, 2021 was the best year we have had in the past several years. The Lord blessed with multiple unexpectedly large donations that helped us shore up and even expand our efforts in both Brazil and Thailand.

Last year was a slightly different story. We ended the year well under our 2021 income. Additionally, like everyone else, we had to navigate the highest inflation numbers the country has seen since the 1980s. Inflation is especially hard for nonprofits because it often results in a loss of income. Individually, unless we lose our job, our income remains the same while prices soar. To compensate for the increased cost of necessities families are forced to cut expenses where they can, and this often impacts charitable giving. This means nonprofits are hit with the double challenge of falling income and rising costs.

In our case the challenge is not just the inflation in the US but price and wage inflation in the areas where we work, which is generally higher than the inflation rate here. To get to the point, we need to strengthen our base of ministry partners. **If you are currently partnering with us and are financially able, would you**

consider increasing your support to account for inflation? If you are not currently a partner, will you consider becoming one? Even \$25 per month makes a difference in the communities we serve.

This newsletter contains numerous photos and testimonies of new believers in Brazil and Thailand. Each one is the direct result of the work our ministry partners are funding. Will you join us? Will you be a catalyst to the gospel at work among our church plants?



New Believers in Thailand

Several people have recently come to faith in Christ in Thailand under the ministry of Somchai and Aun. We want to share a little about some of them so you can be praying for them specifically! Please pray for these new believers, their growth, and our continued ministry in Thailand. What a blessing and honor to play a part in the life-change represented on this page!



Sompong's daughter is part of our youth ministry. When we visited their home and shared the Gospel, he accepted Christ! Pray for his battle with alcoholism.



Kii came to Eden as a camper in December and accepted Christ!

This group of new believers travels around 6 miles to church. They are full of hope in Jesus!



Tongsai accepted Christ the first time he visited our church!



One of our team members shared the Gospel with his family in Cambodia, and his brother accepted Christ!

Taan's friend in our youth ministry wanted her to meet the Lord, so he brought her to church. She gave her life to Christ!



Our ladies' ministry continues to meet to support and encourage each other.



Samak is a backhoe driver working on the Eden property. He recently gave his life to Christ!


Ways to Partner with Living Bread


While we always appreciate your financial support, there are many more ways you can contribute to the ministry of Living Bread!


- Advocating for us in your local church
- Sharing about us with your organization or small group
- Engaging with us on social media - Your "likes" and "shares" can go a long way!
- Participating in our events like mission trips or fundraisers
- Subscribing to our email list and forwarding our emails to others
- ...and of course, prayer and financial contributions

How will you partner with us today?

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Staff Update



The Magiolis

Pastor Magioli and his wife Rosangela are celebrating 45 years of pastoral ministry this year! Their first ten years were spent serving at a church in the state of Rio de Janeiro, but the last 35 years have been spent in church planting and missions in the south. We are so thankful for their partnership with Living Bread over the last 18 years! Their experience and expertise in ministry have been invaluable assets to our efforts over the years.

Please pray for their family as they have faced some health challenges in the recent months. Pastor has been diagnosed with early stage prostate cancer. They have a treatment plan in place that thankfully will not have to include surgery. His prognosis is good, and he is able to maintain his current role and level of responsibilities. The Magiolis' adult son, Wilkerson, has been faced with a diagnosis of his own: Bell's Palsy.



Brazil Updates

Our churches in Northeast Brazil have recently celebrated four baptisms! (See photos below.) We are also in the process of fundraising for purchasing a lot on which to build a church. Please pray for donors to support our efforts to have a permanent place to serve the community of Cabrobó!

In the south, our churches in Planalto and Guarita are also planning to begin fundraising toward purchasing their own lots to build churches they can call home. We pray that by the end of this year, all three of these churches will be able to have their own building!

Our church in Safira is currently being led by Pastor Magioli as our previous pastor, Alex, stepped down at the end of 2022 after many years of faithful service. Please pray for the Lord to provide a worker for this community in Porto Alegre.



Prayer Highlights

Pastor Magioli's Health
Provision of a Pastor for Vila Safira
Funding for the Purchase of Three Church Lots
Completion of Building Construction in Capão da Canoa
More Partners in Brazil, Thailand, and the US
Praise the Lord for New Believers!

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Share Christmas Report

We are excited to report that 246 children in Brazil have received a school supplies and hygiene kit! There will still be several churches distributing their kits in March when the new school year begins for students and throughout the school year as needed, so many more families will be blessed by your support! Families who receive gifts from Share Christmas say they are a blessing and are grateful to be recipients of your generosity.

Thank you to all of you who so generously donated to Share Christmas this year. We raised over \$6500 to give the children in our churches and communities school and hygiene supplies. We appreciate your partnership for this important outreach!

