

September 2009
Sertão II Project
Northeast Brazil



THE **OUTREACH**
FOUNDATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to receiving eight people from Northeast Brazil to the Presbytery of Mississippi from September 30 - October 14. This will be a very exciting event in the life of our presbytery.

Cajazeiras

The year 2009 has been different for the missionary field in the city of Cajazeiras. Our family moved here as plans were in the making for the Sertão II development. When we moved to Cajazeiras, the intention was not to assume the leadership of the local church but to do my work as coordinator of the project from this location. The plan was to come and help missionary Adão. I took on the responsibility of Bible studies, work with married couples along with preaching two Sundays a month. But Adão left the field a month ago and transferred to Natal, his home city. With his departure, I assumed the pastoral leadership of the congregation while I am also carrying out the functions of the Sertão Project II. There is a good possibility in 2010 that we will have a clergy couple help us in the city. On August 22, we started training in the areas of worship, preaching, and Biblical interpretation. There is also a possibility before the end of the year that we will carry out "Project Full Life". During the month of September, we shall have special programs each weekend for evangelism.

Sousa

The month of January was very important in this field. I remember that in December of 2008, Nathaniel was talking to me in Natal during the presbytery meeting. He said with tears in his eyes that if I wanted to take him from this missionary field, he would understand because he was not seeing results of people being converted. Soon after the summer programs, the situation changed substantially. Various people near Nathaniel's and Cláudia's home began participating in the church. They became acquainted with a local kindergarten near their house, and the director decided to become a follower of Christ and offered the school as a meeting place for the services. Two months have passed since leaving the old location to meet in this school. Currently Nathaniel meets with around twenty people. He has a little school of music in his own home where youth and children are learning how to play the keyboard, guitar, drums, and bass. There is also a lawyer named Sandra whose children are studying in the school of music. Through this project, she gave her life to Christ.

Pombal

We have a new place for our worship services in this city, much better than the first one. These last two months have been a real challenge, mainly because of Raimundo and Valdívia. Raimundo had to undergo surgery for the removal of his thyroid. He is doing well now and moving forward.

Other Plans

1. We are in the process of constructing 25 cisterns in two rural communities of Cajazeiras.
2. We strongly desire to buy land for future construction of church buildings in the cities of Sertão II.
3. We plan to offer a course on evangelism and discipleship with the goal of reaching 100 people from our congregations and from other churches in the Sertão II region.
4. In November we plan to offer a seminar about music and worship, music and preaching, as well as practical workshops for vocalists and instrumentalists.

Rev. Jango Miranda
Sertão II Project Coordinator

Amount needed in 2010

We are seeking to raise a total of \$30,000 in 2009 and \$30,000 in 2010 for the Sertão Project. For more information about this ministry and how you can help, please contact The Outreach Foundation.