

# Beloved Family in Christ,



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I hope this letter finds you well, filled with His peace and joy. I want to begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude for your continual love, prayer, and steadfast support. Your friendship and partnership in ministry have been a tremendous blessing to us, encouraging us greatly as we press forward in the work God has called us to do.

It is truly encouraging to see how the Lord is moving among us. As you know, I have been blessed to start a fellowship group that is steadily growing and is on the path to becoming a church plant near our home. This location is about thirty minutes away from our main church, which is fifteen minutes from where we live. I am grateful for God's leading in this, and for each new person who joins us week by week. The desire of our hearts is to see a vibrant, Christcentered church established there, one that glorifies God through worship, discipleship, and outreach.

The church has embraced us fully, and I trust in the Lord's timing for me to step into pastoral leadership at our church, which is just a matter of time. Please join us in praying that the church continues to grow in unity and faith, and that God grants us favor with the community as we seek to be a beacon of hope and truth. Your prayers for our immigration status are also deeply appreciated, as this legal stability is crucial for us to continue serving the Lord effectively here. Our hearts are firmly planted, and we are committed to fulfilling God's purpose in this place.



On a different but equally joyous note, our ministry at the Academy is developing nicely. I am currently reaching out to prospective students, preparing for the new school year beginning in February. We also held our first biblical counseling conference, which turned out to be a fruitful event. It was encouraging to see people interested in such a vital ministry area, and I praise God that the event went smoothly and was richly blessed.

I continue to pray that God will send students who are eager to learn and grow deeper in their biblical knowledge and ministry



training. Your prayers for the Academy's outreach efforts and for the students on our prospect list are invaluable. I believe that God will open doors for these young men and women to be equipped to serve Him in various capacities.



On a personal level, Silvia and I are doing well. I give thanks to God for her health and spiritual growth. Serving alongside her is a constant source of joy and strength to me. Recently, the pastors at our church invited us to be part of marriage counseling, working alongside marriages in our congregation. This new opportunity is both exciting and challenging as I seek to nurture and support godly relationships. I ask that you pray for wisdom, unity, and grace as I embark on this ministry. It is our hope that through this effort, marriages will be strengthened and glorify God in every aspect.



Throughout all these developments, we are reminded daily of the importance of prayer and fellowship with brothers and sisters like you. Your heartfelt prayers and encouragement remind us that we are not alone on this journey. Knowing that you are lifting us up before the Lord fuels our spirit and gives us fresh strength to keep moving forward, even when challenges come.

I look forward with joyful anticipation to what God has planned for us and our ministry community. I also hope that in time you will be able to visit and witness firsthand the exciting things God is doing here. Moreover, I pray for future mission groups to partner with us and bring the gospel to even more people in our region. These opportunities are a great encouragement and a crucial part of the work.



Thank you once again, for your loving support, your faithful prayers, and your ongoing encouragement. May the Lord bless you abundantly and use you mightily for His glory. Please feel free to reach out whenever you would like to hear more, or if there is any way I can pray for or serve you.

With gratitude and love in Christ,  
Pastor Fernando Rocha