



Madeira Update

March 2026

Unless Yahweh builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless Yahweh watches the city,
The watchman keeps awake in vain.
Psalm 127:1

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel ministry here in Madeira!

The Lord has been clearly answering your prayers, and I am eager to share recent updates with you.







United States Visit

This February and March, Cláudio and I took a trip to the United States to connect with churches.

Our main goal was that this trip would help keep Madeira in the hearts and prayers of like-minded churches and believers in America.



For both Cláudio and I, this trip allowed us to begin some and strengthen other relationships with truly special people around the country. We were so grateful for the families, many of you, who hosted us along the way, the amazing teaching and encouragement we received at the churches and conferences we attended, and the eagerness of many to pray for and help the ministry of bringing the gospel to the Portuguese island of Madeira.

One of the churches we visited, upon hearing our desire to use the distribution of Bible on the island as an opportunity to connect with and evangelize the people in our community, without delay encouraged their members to contribute to the purchasing of Bibles. The church eagerly responded, and we have placed a large order for Bibles, which we intend to begin distributing shortly after they arrive.



Something sad also happened on this journey, though it is a joy to see the Lord's hand in it. My beloved grandmother (Nana) went to be with the Lord during the very initial stage on this journey.



This was a hard loss for all of my family as we love her dearly, but I am grateful for the Lord's providence in that He took her when He did. I had the wonderful privilege of officiating her memorial service, which ended up being a sweet time.

Since returning to the island, I've been focusing on a couple big projects: finishing settling into my house, and preparing the church room to host Bible studies and worship services.



Beyond those projects I've been trying to practice Portuguese and help Claudio prepare his new home for his family. They received keys upon arriving back in Madeira, so this has been an urgent project.



Moving forward, we would greatly appreciate your continued prayers.

Here are a few specific things you can be praying for:

- Claudio's family and I both settling in quickly. We both are getting close to having our houses in good condition to be less of a distraction from ministry. They won't be "finished" any time soon, but please pray that we could get them in good liveable order quickly.
- We are planning an evangelism restart, focusing on the region of Santa Cruz, which is where both the Farinhas and I live. Please pray for us as we do street evangelism, door-to-door evangelism, and Bible distribution. Pray that the Lord would draw many to Himself.
- We would like to start using the church room for ministry soon. It has been slow work because of the availability of supplies on the island. Please pray that we could acquire chairs, curtains, a keyboard, and all the right furnishings to make this an appropriate space to host Bible studies and worship services. Please pray that as we plan for these things and invite people, that God would bring just the right people and be working in their hearts.
- Please pray for the right coworkers to join us in this ministry. We would love to see our team grow with just the right people. Please pray that God would raise up more workers for the great harvest here in Madeira.
- Pray for Claudio's family's financial support. They are trusting the Lord for this and are thankful for His constant provision, but still need to raise more support.
- Pray that God would draw many to Himself for His glory.

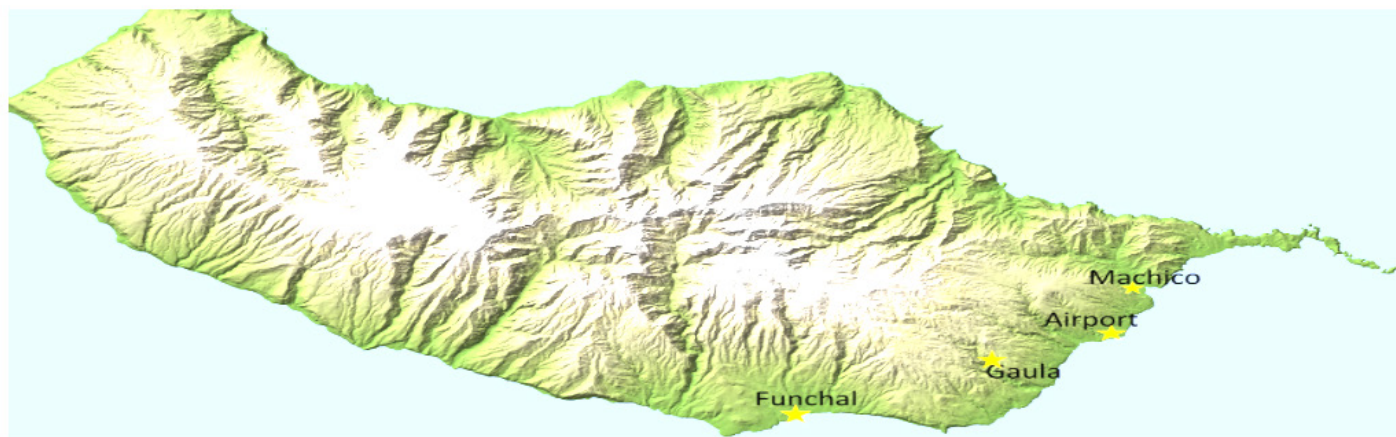


Thank you all so much for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement!

Please let me know how I can be praying for you!

I pray that you all have a blessed time celebrating Good Friday when our Lord was crucified, and Resurrection Sunday when He was raised. This Sunday my sending church will be looking at 1 Peter 1:3:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"



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