

Mission Report – October 2021

To the church of God in Canada, grace, and peace to all from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

We are entering October and since our arrival in Brazil, the Lord has blessed us richly in our home country. I know that many of you are praying for us and as the result, we have been able to understand daily our mission here at this time.



Gina and I were able to get together with our family and have been enjoying a great fellowship with them. After 33 years living in Canada, I celebrated my first birthday in Brazil. It was very exciting to commemorate another year the Lord had given me with some family members that could make it to the town where I had grown up!

In the past weeks Gina and I have been talking to church leaders from different denominations in such amazing ways (we didn't plan, but the Lord has been opening opportunities to get together, listening, and sharing experiences). Also teaching in seminaries and preaching in churches in some cities of our state. Last week we drove to Rio de Janeiro to deliver almost two hundred of my books to one of the largest complex



of penitentiaries in the country. The authorities were very thankful when I dropped it for the prison's libraries that would be available for

thousands of inmates of the state (this book is very evangelistic in its message and I thought that would be a tool to share the gospel with them). I spoke Sunday morning in a church in Rio and back home we stopped in a town in São Paulo where I preached in the evening.

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This month, there is a great chance to go back to the state of Bahia. I will meet another missionary in Salvador, the capital of the state and then, we would travel to the interior visiting churches, reaching out people, and helping the needy in one of the poorest regions of the country. Next week I will know about the trip.

Concerning Covid 19, the country had vaccinated with the two doses almost 50% of the population (almost 100 million people) and the cases had dropped considerably, therefore the churches are allowed to have services with 50% of people and there is a great expectation that if the cases continue to drop, by January of next year the country would return to normal in all areas.



Like other nations, due to Coronavirus, the economy had suffered and the

unemployment rate went up to 14%, but at this point, there is a signal of recovery. Of course, this had a great impact on the churches because many pastors had to close their places of worship for lack of funds to pay rent and others expenses. They are still struggling as they see their flock scattered and added to it they have to worry about their own personal financial difficulties.

Another negative impact was on the missions programs in many denominations that were reaching out the lost in several nations worldwide. For lack of funds they will need some time to recover from the pandemic loss. But, the Lord has worked wonders and I know that He will supply every need of His people.

Next year Brazilians will vote for president and state governors and there is much tension among the Christian community as there is a fear that tougher laws against

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Christianity could affect the churches in Brazil. The evangelical population is 25% (almost 60 million), but as part of the globalism agenda the great majority of the media in the country are anti-Christian values and there are a daily scheduled programs storming the population with all sorts of immoral and anti-biblical propaganda. Remember this subject in your prayers as well.

I also have connected with the church in Pakistan and last week one of the pastors sent me a short video of an open-air service with more the one thousand people. He told me that there is a revival happening in many places in the country where miracles are happening, and hundreds receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I could see in his messages so much excitement and overflowing joy. They are inviting me to go back for a second trip when is suitable.

Pastor Randy and Michelle from Shediac, NB are sick from Covid 19, and in need of much prayer. The girls' house (rehab center) also had to be quarantined for some of them had contracted the virus as well. Please, remember to pray for Norman, Francine, and Loretta, the leaders of the houses in Shediac and Fredericton.

Pastor Herculano and Manoela are faithfully serving the church in the Azores in their almost four years in Graciosa Island. We planted this church four years ago and I left the ministry with the Brazilian Methodist Church who had sent the missionary couple to look after the congregation. They are both very happy as they see their work been fruitful in the Lord.

We have been watching when is possible the Sunday mornings services of Saint Clair Community Church in Sombra, ON, our home church. Pastor John, his wife Laurie, the elders, and brethren are serving our Lord in the region and carrying on the task with much enthusiasm and with the amazing love they have for Jesus (we are missing you all there!)

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong” I Corinthians 16: 13

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We thank all of you for your love and prayers on our behalf. You all are always in my daily prayers. Please, again I ask, keep praying for the subjects that I had mentioned above. Also, pray that doors will be open for us to share the gospel and the enemy's attack would not succeed against us, also we would be bold to share the message in the Lord's field.

If there is no change, we will be back in Canada on January the 1st (yes, we will pass the New Year's eve inside of a plane as we leave Brazil on December 31st). We don't know yet about 2022, but we trust that the Lord will guide and will bring us where He wants us to be. God's will, shall be done!

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings (nation's leaders) and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." I Timothy 2: 1-2

"A great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." I Corinthians 16:9

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." Ephesians 6: 19

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" Matthew 9: 37-38

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor Adauto Rezende