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### Baptism

We recently celebrated Ana Carla's new birth. Ana Carla began participating in the School of the Bible last year. She did three courses through the School of the Bible and began coming to worship services. It has been a joy to get to know her better and to answer her questions about the Bible and the church.

We are prayerful that her husband will also make the same decision. He has visited worship service a couple of times but we trust that the Lord is working in his life.

Please keep Ana Carla in your prayers.



### Area-wide Youth Event

The Niterói church hosted an area-wide youth event on November 2nd. The young people from the church here were excited to host the event and all of our young people pitched in to help organize and host the event. We had people responsible for decorating, greeting, preping and serving food, cleaning up, and helping with the activities for the day. Four congregations were able to participate and it was a very encouraging day. The theme of the day was "You have a purpose".

We have already discussed next year's calendar and we will continue to have three yearly area-wide events and the Niteroi church will continue hosting one of these events.



### Men's Area-Wide

Every year on November 15th the men from the Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area are invited to a one day men's event. This year there were close to 120 men from at least seven different congregations. We were blessed this year to have two incredible speakers from states south of Rio. The three lessons were very uplifting and it was great to see brothers from the Rio area. We had a good group from Niteroi and we hope to take even more men to this event next year.







## Celebrations

During November we celebrated the students that completed the sewing and crochet classes. It was fun to celebrate their accomplishments. Each student showed off a piece that they had worked on. We are very grateful to Vera and Gloria that worked so hard to teach these classes. These two women sought to share the love of Christ while they taught these classes. We are grateful for their hearts and desire to help the church reach the community through these efforts.

This past month we also had a celebration for the students of the School of the Bible. During the second semester of the year we had four different classes and we gave a certificates to all those that devoted themselves to finishing each course. We had almost 40 people that received a certificate for finishing one of the courses (not all were present the day we handed them out) but over the course of the semester we had over 60 people that participated in these classes. Our prayer is that many of these will act on what they have learned and seek a relationship with our Savior.



Sewing and crochet course completion celebration



School of the Bible course completion celebration

## Thank You!

We want to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued financial support! We could not be here doing this work were it not for people like you.

**If you would like to make a donation to this work, you can send a check to the following:**

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10900 Rodney Parham Rd.  
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### Prayer Requests:

Thank you so much for praying for us and our work. The following are a few of our prayer requests:

1. For Emar, Flávia, Gabriel, Jorge, and Mariana who are currently studying to be baptized and for Ana Carla that was recently baptized
2. For our continued construction efforts on the building
3. Please pray for church growth
4. For the training that continues to happen for small group leaders
5. For our family



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