

Mission Partner of the Month - February 2021



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The Rocks Family

Pastors and church planters in Florianópolis Brazil, working with the Brazilian Association of Vineyard Churches to plant churches and train leaders in Florianópolis



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The call
in action

It has been a challenging year since I (Jimmy) was last at St Michael's in February 2020. We were gearing up for an exciting year with new initiatives, getting ready to receive international visitors and had just started a church plant on the mainland in the city of São José. COVID threw a spanner in the works. Early on in the pandemic we set up a food bank for those who were experiencing financial hardship due to the lockdown. During that period we fed over 200 households. The demand for the project decreased as the economy started to open back up in May. At which time we started to have in person church services again, whilst still streaming for those at great risk from the virus. In the second half of 2020 we were able to resume many of our in person meetings, including youth work, prayer meetings. Unfortunately, we made the decision to stop Sunday meetings in our plant in São José. Over this last year we have



More people are starting to come back to in person services



Us in our new home



Members of our church reaching out to those who can't take part in in-person meetings.

seen many in church step up, serving in various areas, such as the media team, logistical, worship team etc. Katia has been leading a very fruitful and growing women's bible study group. It has also been good to see new people joining the church over the last six months.

This year we were blessed to be able to buy an apartment here, we moved in September. We have also adopted a dog, known as Sully from a rescue centre.

At present here in Florianópolis, most things are functioning with restrictions, in person schooling starts back in February. Though COVID cases are high, hospitals are not overwhelmed, but have been stable over the last few months.

As best we can we are learning to live with the pandemic. As a church we seek to carry out our ministry responsibly. This year we are looking forward to starting a version of the New Wine Discipleship Year, with many from our church enrolled. We have formed a mission team to discern where in our community God is leading us to reach out. Our hope is that Brazil and the world will be in a better place in regards to the pandemic and we may be able to receive a mission team from St Michael's in the autumn or next year. Also we are due to be back in the UK at the end of 2021.

Prayer Points

- Pray for us as a family, for God's blessing over us, that we would flourish as we serve Him here, and that we would find balance between family life and the demands of ministry.
- Pray for our church family, for continued growth numerically and in maturity as we seek to make disciples who make disciples.
- Pray for the New Wine Discipleship Year we will start here in March. Our vision going forward is to develop a training centre for leaders and church planters here.

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