



# January & February 2023

*(...) the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.*

*Luke 10:1 (NIV)*



Dear mission partners!  
How are you all?

Welcome to the first official institutional newsletter of the Southeast Florida mission team! As you all know, we started working as a team in August of 2022 and from now on the two missionary families will be sending a newsletter together, which will be related to the work of the church. On a personal level, however, each family will continue to communicate separately with their sponsors and supporters. Our institutional newsletters will be sent out every two months. This first one will cover the months of January and February of 2023.

### SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CHURCH OF CHRIST

- **NEW NAME:** Our original idea was to name our congregation “South Florida Church of Christ”. However, we recently learned that a group of the International Churches of Christ (Boston Movement) which has been here in Broward County for some time, had already picked that name. Hence, the new name for our congregation is now SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CHURCH OF CHRIST. We’re very pleased with this name because, even though it’s a small change, it still keeps the geographical identity of our church. We also have our official institutional email address: [scofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:scofchrist@gmail.com). We kindly ask you to use this email address to write to us, unless it’s on a personal matter, then please use the missionaries’ personal email addresses.



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Our new church name and logo!

## ● BILINGUAL SERVICES IN PORTUGUESE-ENGLISH:

- We have had two more monthly worship services in Boca Raton, at the Liras' clubhouse. One of the services took place on January 29 and the other one on February 19. On both occasions we had good turnouts and have been able to maintain our average of 30+ attendees.
- Patricia has been teaching the 3-6 year-olds. Tati teaches the 7-and-above class, whenever we have kids in that age group – otherwise, she helps Patricia with her class.
- Our plan now is to start having weekly worship services from March 5 on, regardless of our location – and even though we may still have to use the clubhouse.



Junior leading singing!




Junior preaches in Portuguese and Maikon translates the sermon into English!

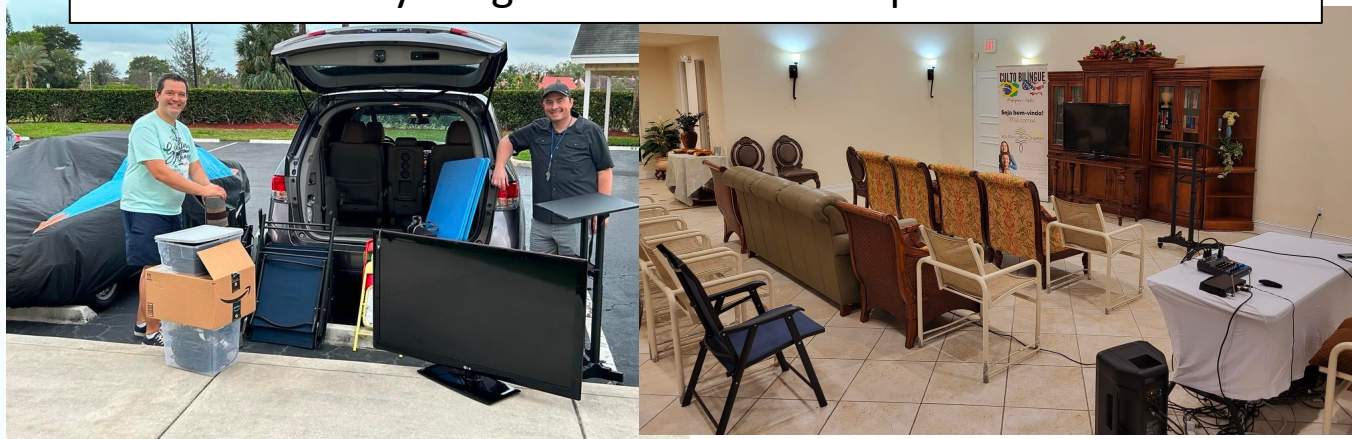
We're so happy and thankful for the attendance that we've had so far!



The kids' classes! One of the main disadvantages of the clubhouse is that there is no classroom for the kids. Pati and Tati have to teach them in the hallway that leads to the restrooms and fitness room.



Every Sunday Maikon and Junior have to carry “the church” in totes and boxes and set up the clubhouse. At the end of the worship service, we must clean up the space and bring everything back to the Liras’ apartment.



- **BIBLE STUDY IN PORTUGUESE**

- We took a break during the weeks around Christmas and New Years and resumed our weekly Bible study (small group) on January 20.
- During the months of January and February the Guzman family hosted all but one of our small groups. The Ramos family hosted once.
- We started with a new methodology called C.A.S.A (L.I.F.E. in English) and we’re studying together the letter of Paul to the Philippians. The main theme of this study is “How to have a happy life?”. Junior is leading the study and Maikon is the co-teacher.
- We’re very happy that our core group continues to attend and a now a new couple, Ramon and his wife Georgia, joined us. They’re Brazilians, from the state of Santa Catarina.
- Patricia has been teaching a class for the kids, while the adults meet and have their study.



# COMO TER UMA VIDA FELIZ

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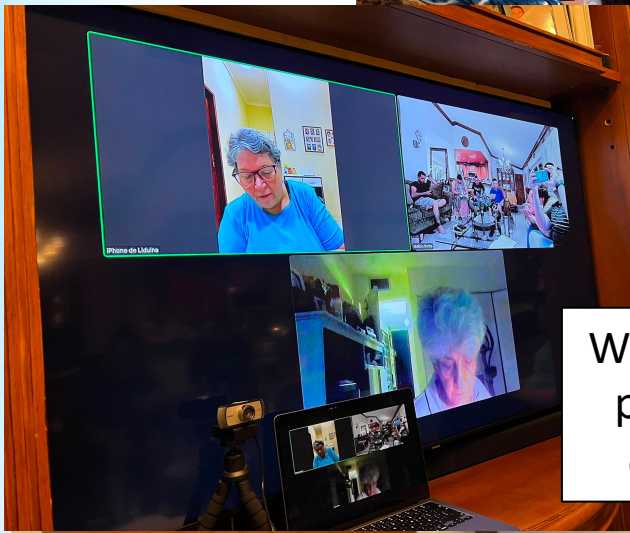
## Como resolver os conflitos com o meu próximo



SEXTA, 3 de fevereiro



CASA da Ildener e Mariel  
3883 Coral Tree Circle  
Coconut Creek, FL



We have averaged 15-20 people (in person and online) every Friday!



- LET'S START TALKING – ENGLISH LESSONS

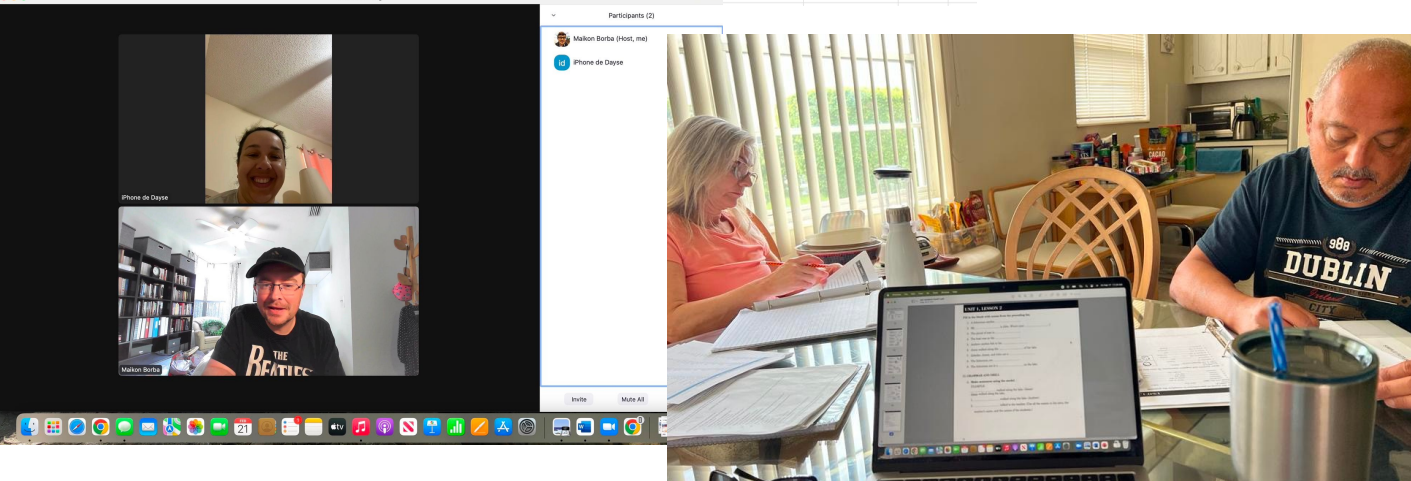
- Maikon has maintained an average of about 8 one-on-one students.
- Two families, the Ramos and the Coutinhos, continue attending church with us regularly. A new couple, Marcos and Marcia Queiroz, have also attended church with us twice.
- Due to high demand, Maikon started a class on Zoom on Wednesday evenings. He has 7 students in that class.

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Maikon Schedule 2023

Maikon's class schedule!

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02:00 - 02:30 PM	Junior Souza				GAME DAY IN CORAL SPRINGS		
02:30 - 03:00 PM			Andre Adorno:	Andre Adorno:			
03:00 - 03:30 PM							
03:30 - 04:00 PM							
04:00 - 04:30 PM							
04:30 - 05:00 PM							
05:00 - 05:30 PM	Nicolas Kirchner	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK			
05:30 - 06:00 PM							
06:00 - 06:30 PM							
06:30 - 07:00 PM							
07:00 - 07:30 PM	Pamela Coutinho	GROUP CLASS		Pamela Coutinho	Bible Study in Portuguese		
07:30 - 08:00 PM							
08:00 - 08:30 PM							
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Some of Maikon's students!

- PASTORAL COUNSELING AND BIBLE STUDIES:
  - Junior continues to have weekly Bibles studies with the Coutinho family. He's also been offering pastoral counseling sessions to them.



The Coutinho family, from Rio de Janeiro! Here we attended their son Arthur's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday party!

## OUR SEARCH FOR A CHURCH BUILDING

- You all know how much we have wanted to have our own place.
- Our search for a church building continues and we have had some good leads in the past weeks. Nevertheless, none of them has come to fruition unfortunately.
- Right now, we have a much better picture of what our monthly budget for a church building would be. However, we continue to suffer with how expensive commercial spaces are here in our area. Another big issue we always face has to do with zoning and how scarce church buildings are. When we find a good place that we can afford, it's either not in a zone where churches are permitted, or the landlord does not want a church in their plaza. Finding a church building has proven to be a hard task to accomplish, but we won't give up! We know that nothing is impossible to our God!



- In the meantime, as we continue looking for a more permanent place, we will continue to meet at the clubhouse in the Liras' apartment complex. As mentioned before, starting on March 5, we will be hosting weekly worship services there.



We know that the Lord will soon have a wonderful place for our congregation!

## HELP WITH THE CHURCH IN CORAL SPRINGS

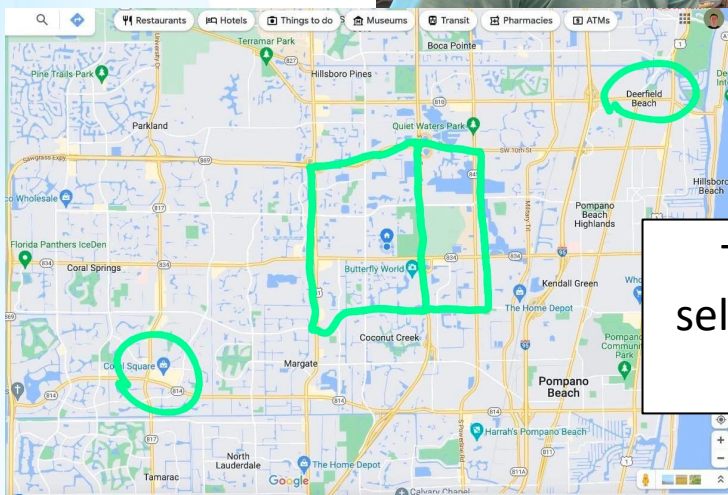
- We continue to help the church in Coral Springs as we attend with them on Sunday mornings. Maikon has helped with prayers and the Lord's supper. Junior has led singing on occasions. Tati helps with the nursery and kids' classes.



The Springs CoC, in Coral Springs!

- A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SPRINGS COC:
  - Since we have been struggling to find a church building that fits in our budget, and the lease for the building where The Springs CoC meets is coming to an end soon, we have both been considering a partnership.
  - This would not be a merge. The idea is for us to simply share the costs and rent a church building together.
  - This means that both congregations would agree on an area in between both communities (Hispanic and Brazilian). The Springs CoC would move about 7 miles northeast and our congregation would move about 7 miles southwest. The two cities in this new ideal location would be Coconut Creek and Margate.
  - The main benefit of this collaboration would be financial. We would combine our two budgets and look for a place that would be twice as large as what we could individually get.
  - We have stipulated a 3-month period in which we will be checking the viability of this effort.

Meeting with Riley and Mauricio from The Springs CoC!



The area we have selected for a possible joint effort!



## VISIT FROM SUPPORTERS

- The Fraziers, from Daingerfield (TX), are really good friends with the Borbas – they’ve supported the Borbas ever since Maikon came to the USA as a student at Harding University.
  - They spent a week here with us. They attended our small group on Friday (Feb 24) and brother Jamey preached to us at the Springs CoC on Sunday (Feb 26).
  - The Borbas got to enjoy some very special time with them during the week that they were here.
- The Cundaris also visited the Borbas in February. They’re from Maikon and Tati’s home church in Novo Hamburgo. They spent a weekend with them and also attended our Bible study and worship service.



Having lunch with José Carlos and Paula Cundari!



With the Frazier family at the Everglades!

## FUTURE PLANS:

- We are fixing to receive a group from the College CoC, in Searcy (AR). They're the Liras' sponsors and now are managing our combining work fund as well. It's going to be a group of 10 students from Harding University who are going to spend their spring break here with us. We are planning a wonderful evangelistic campaign while they will be here and we can't wait to share pictures and videos with you soon.
- Weekly worship services starting on March 5.
- Intensify our search for a church building.
- Register the church with the state of Florida.
- Start psychological evaluations with Great City Missions.
- Tati will start a ladies' Bible club in March. They will meet one Saturday per month and will study together the book "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

- Part of what we do as missionaries is to interact and bond with our church members and the community. On January 20, Maikon and Junior participated in a 5K with the Guzman family in Boca Raton. Neither one of us won anything, but we surely had a great time!



It was a beautiful morning for a walk/run!





### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The Southeast Florida Church of Christ and the future of our Brazilian congregation.
- Our two families as we continue to work and bond together.
- Our English students and contacts.



We love you and appreciate your support and prayers so very much!

In Jesus,

**The Borbas and the Liras**