



# May & June 2023

*Be on your guard; stand firm in  
the faith; be courageous; be  
strong. Do everything in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV)*

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Dear mission partners!

How are you?

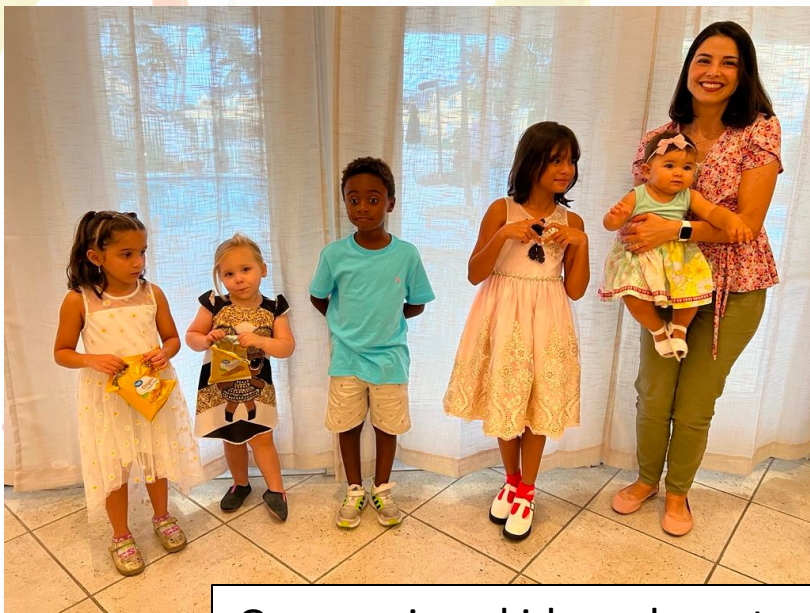
Welcome to our third church newsletter! We're excited to share with you the latest developments in our work here in Southeast Florida!

## SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CHURCH OF CHRIST

- BILINGUAL SERVICES IN PORTUGUESE-ENGLISH:
  - We continue meeting for our bilingual worship services every Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Clubhouse in Boca Raton.
  - We have maintained an average of 15-25 people every week. There's also a handful of people that connect with us via Facebook Live.
  - Many visitors and Maikon's English students have attended services with us at least once. Several have come more than once.
  - Junior continues to develop our yearly theme "My Life's Purpose." In the month of May he preached about "God's Mission" and in June about "The Spiritual Gifts."
  - We celebrated Mothers' Day in May and Fathers' Day in June. For both special services we had a presentation from the kids (a little song they sang to the parents) and a gift handmade by them. The church also gave the parents a small present and we shared a special coffee break after the services.



Our bilingual worship services!



Our precious kids and pre-teens!



- BAPTISMS:
  - We finally had our first new converts!
  - Silvana and her 11-year-old daughter Victoria were baptized on June 11! They have been attending church with us since last year and we are so happy that they have given their lives to the Lord!



Help us welcome Silvana and Victoria into our Christian family!

## BIBLE STUDY IN PORTUGUESE

- We started our new series on James.
- Both the Liras and the Guzmans have hosted the study. Maikon and Mr. Carlos Guzman were the teachers for these past two months.
- On June 29 we had a special small group that met on a Thursday rather than on a Friday. Sister Carmen asked us if she could host that day because it was also her husband Michael's birthday. We met at their house and had a special study on "Why Christians are Happy". Michael is Jewish so it was very special for Carmen that her husband studied the Gospel with us. We had a great time with them in their house and the seed was planted in Michael's heart! Please help us pray for him and that he accepts Jesus as his Lord and Savior.
- Part of what we have been doing during our small group time together is to teach songs to our church members. Junior has been leading this effort and he uses an app that he helped develop in Brazil.



At the Guzmans'!



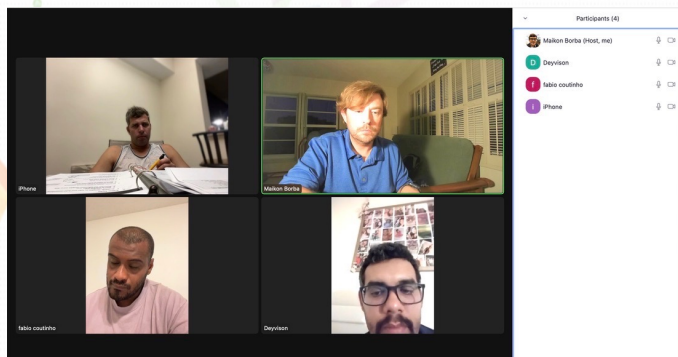
We always have people that connect with us via Zoom!



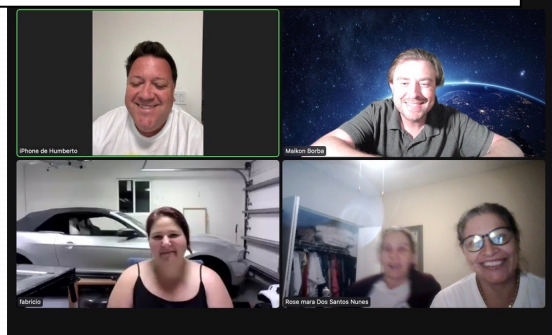
At sister Carmen's as we celebrated Michael's birthday!

## LET'S START TALKING – ENGLISH LESSONS

- Maikon now has 13 students. Most of these are still meeting on Zoom.
- Besides his group class on Wednesday evenings, he also started a second one on Thursday evenings.
- The free English lessons continue to be our main evangelistic tool! The vast majority of our contacts and people that have been attending church with us are our English students.



Maikon's two small group classes on Zoom!



One of Maikon's newest students: Alexandra. They meet in a coffee shop for their classes.

## JUNIOR:

- Junior continues to counsel some of our congregants and new contacts. He maintains regular visits to the families of Mariel and Ildener Ramos, Fabio and Pamela, and Marcos and Marcia. He makes himself available to help those people who need spiritual or emotional support in a particular way.
- Five new contacts have been made, but they did not develop due to various circumstances. This also reinforces the need to obtain an appropriate place to welcome and counsel these people.

Junior offers free pastoral counseling to the community!

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## LADIES' MINISTRY:

- The ladies continue to meet once a month for a Bible study led by Tati. They enjoy some wholesome fellowship while having tea, coffee and a special snack in the afternoon.
- There were 11 ladies in their June's meeting!



The Ladies' Bible Club!



## LEADERS' TRAINING:

- Starting in June we have begun to host fellowship and training sessions for our church's men.
- In June we kicked them off with a special Barbecue and devotional at Mr. Carlos Guzman's house.
- Our purpose with these monthly get-togethers is to teach the men about our church and, also, get them ready to start serving more actively during the worship service.



Enjoying some good BBQ together!

- **HOSPITALITY AND SERVICE:**

- Part of what we love to do is to serve our friends and church members! We very much enjoy having people over for a meal and prayer time together!



With some of the church kids at the pool while the mothers have their Bible study.



With Marcos and Marcia.



With Mariel and his family.



Attending little Rafaela's pre-school graduation!

## OUR SEARCH FOR A CHURCH BUILDING

- We keep on meeting at the clubhouse and in our homes. Our search for a church building continues.

- We've had a few leads recently, but nothing has materialized yet.
- We are currently looking at a couple of possibilities to sub-lease some spaces.
- We have been doing some more fundraising so that we will have enough to secure a lease once we find a place.
- Please continue to pray fervently for us to find a great place soon!



We know that, when the time is right, God will provide us with a really good space where our church can grow!

**WORK WITH THE CHURCH IN CORAL SPRINGS**

- The Yegros and the Hendrixes continue to attend church with us and help us on Sunday evenings. We so appreciate their support and encouragement!
- We also have been trying to attend church with them on Sunday mornings whenever we can.
- Our plan is to have our leaders' training sessions in collaboration with the Springs CoC.

**SUMMER EVENTS:**

- We are preparing to have a busy month of July!
- A group from the Daingerfield CoC in Northeast Texas will be here with us in late July. They're one of the Borbas' supporters. They will be helping us with several activities which include:
  - Small group on July 21.
  - Ladies' gathering on July 22.
  - Special worship services on July 23.
  - Passing out flyers on July 24.
  - Two VBSs.
  - Get together with our English students.



# SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WITH THE DAINGERFIELD CofC

WHAT? O QUE?	WHEN? QUANDO?	WHERE? ONDE?
CASA with a special Potluck CASA com janta coletiva especial	Friday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> , at 7PM Sexta, 21 de Julho, às 19H	11600 Sundance Lane Boca Raton, FL
Special ladies' gathering Encontro feminino especial	Saturday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , at 4PM Sábado, 22 de Julho, às 16H	3050 N Palm Aire Drive - Apt 501 Pompano Beach, FL
Special worship service with guest preacher Culto especial com pregador convidado	Sunday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , at 6PM Domingo, 23 de Julho, às 18H	CLUBHOUSE 6363 La Costa Drive Boca Raton, FL
Vacation Bible School Escola Bíblica de Férias	Tuesday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> , at 5PM Terça, 25 de Julho, às 17H	SPRINGS CofC 716 Riverside Drive Coral Springs, FL
Vacation Bible School Escola Bíblica de Férias	Wednesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> , at 1:30PM Quarta, 26 de Julho, às 13:30H	CLUBHOUSE 6363 La Costa Drive Boca Raton, FL
Pizza and Games for our English students Pizza e Jogos para nossos alunos de inglês	Wednesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> , at 7:30PM Quarta, 26 de Julho, às 19:30H	CLUBHOUSE 6363 La Costa Drive Boca Raton, FL



Some of the many activities we will have while the group from Daingerfield is here with us in late July!

## GREAT CITIES MISSIONS

- We have made several developments in our partnership with GCM.
- For the past months we have taken many assessments and tests with Dr. Becky Holton. She is planning to come to Florida and spend a few days with us. We will be working on team dynamics while she's here.

## BORBAS' FURLOUGH

- The Borbas are preparing to visit their sponsoring and supporting churches in Arkansas and Texas in late September and October.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The Borbas moved to a new apartment. Their new address is: 3050 N Palm Aire – Apt 501, Pompano Beach, FL – 33069
- We celebrated Patricia's birthday after our worship service on June 25!



Several friends and church members helped the Borbas with their move!



Happy birthday, Pati!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The Southeast Florida Church of Christ and the growth of our bilingual congregation.
- Our search for a church building.
- Our two families as we continue to work and bond together.
- Our English students and contacts.
- Our special events in July.





We truly love you and appreciate your support and prayers!

**In Jesus,**

**The Borbas & The Liras**