



2022 was the year of "LIVING IN NEW LIFE" and we are immensely grateful to the Lord for everything he has given us to experience during this year. It was a year with many challenges, but we always saw God's hand on us to strengthen us and grant us great victories. It was also a year of realizing big dreams and we don't have enough words to thank the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness.



As the month of October is marked as the month for the prevention of breast cancer, we invited a team of four Portuguese doctors to be with us in a lecture on the prevention of breast cancer and also cervical cancer. we were instructed on the subject and we even had the opportunity to have our doubts clarified by health professionals. It is very essential that we take care of our spirit, but it is also very important that we take care of our physical body, in order to have the necessary health to serve the Lord!



We've wanted to expand and improve our space for a long time, but the owner of the place wouldn't give us permission to do so. So, this became one of the church's prayer reasons, and the Lord heard us and answered our cry and the owner of the place allowed us to remove the walls that were in the middle of the church, and in addition, we changed the roof, which it was in terrible condition and so we made our space more beautiful and more welcoming to be able to better receive people. while the Lord does not give us our own space, we continue to take good care of what He has given us. it was very gratifying to see the brothers of the church help and vibrate with the improvement of our space.



We've always wanted to have music lessons at our church, and that dream is starting to come true. In partnership with the Instituto de Música Gospel, we are offering viola and keyboard classes for members of our church, other churches in nearby communities and anyone interested in learning. It has been a wonderful experience and we believe that soon we will have new musicians to serve in the kingdom of God!

We always seek to honor those who deserve it. And our leaders certainly deserve to be honored, even if in a simple way, like a dinner and a T-shirt with the theme of our church: "Love God, love people and make disciples. We are very grateful to God for these people that He has raised up to help us in the ministry, serving the body of Christ in what is needed.



We had our special Christmas service with a special performance by our children who acted out the birth of Jesus, it was very moving to see them perform with such responsibility and enthusiasm. It's always good to celebrate the birth of our Savior and it was a very happy service in the presence of the Lord, and to complete the joy, after the service we had a fraternization lunch and offered a small gift to our children.

prayer requests:

- For the new year that begins.
- For our physical, spiritual and emotional health (especially Giovanna's in relation to allergies).
- For church growth.
- For the empowerment of leaders.
- For the purchase of land and construction of the church.
- For our car that has had a lot of problems.

We thank God for this year that is ending and for all that He has done. We also thank everyone who was with us, thank you for your friendship and partnership. In 2023 we continue to count on your friendship, your prayers and contributions that allow us to continue in São Tomé.

The Souza Family wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and that 2023 will be a year full of blessings!!!

