

THEY'RE BECOME NEW!

“Wherefore if any man is in Christ, [he is] a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new”

2 Cor 5:17



This is perhaps the most exciting of many stories of family restoration that we have seen in these 19 years of ministry in Portugal and the one that has brought the most joy to my heart. It is the story of Rui and Marisa Guerra and their daughter Martinha.

A trauma in Marisa and Rui's life led them to get a divorce, and for almost four years, the only thing they shared was the care of their daughter Martinha several times a month.

Anabela, a member of our church in Corroios, witnessed Marisa's emotional suffering as Marisa was one of the clients at Anabela's aesthetic clinic. She shared with her the story of how she had come to Jesus through the witness of her housemaid seven years before after facing a family crisis that

led to terrible depression. She invited Marisa to come to our church where she gave her life to Christ, was baptized and has been a valuable worker in our church as treasurer and member of the ministry of intercession.

Once I asked Marisa could she not believe that she and Rui could remarry, but she did not think it was possible because of the situation that had led them to divorce.

In November the Portugal church always has 21 days of fasting and prayer for families, and at the end of this campaign, Marisa's ex-husband Rui decided for the first time that he wished to visit an evangelical church. He came to our church in Lisbon where he gave his life to Christ, and asked his ex-wife to marry him again.

They were married on Sunday, November 18, and together they are rebuilding the family that was destroyed four years ago. Now, they are trusting the One, who in a marriage turned water into wine, and are experiencing much joy.



Please rejoice with us for this great victory and pray for Rui, Marisa and their daughter Martinha.

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