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Dear Friends and Family,

We just returned from Portugal. It was a defining moment for us and for the plans we believe God has given us. While there, the church meetings were not only moments of salvation and ministry to people, but also a time to cast vision and engage with friends, some new and some who we have worked with for many years. These meetings, and the response of people to the altar call, confirmed in me that the message of life communicated through our events needs to be heralded in Europe loudly.

For the past three years, God has quietly been opening doors throughout Portugal and Europe. What began through our work in Brazil has become a bridge into new relationships, new opportunities, and a growing invitation to bring the Viva Vida message of hope to young people, educators, and first responders across the continent.

Along the way, we've received many invitations to return. While those opportunities have been exciting, they've also required patience, discernment, and careful planning. Big dreams aren't built on enthusiasm alone, they require wisdom, strategy, and a willingness to prepare long before the first brick is ever laid.



In one meeting, a mother came forward with her 10-year-old son, who had attempted suicide just weeks earlier. Together, we prayed with them, believing that the God who gives life would bring healing, hope, and restoration.



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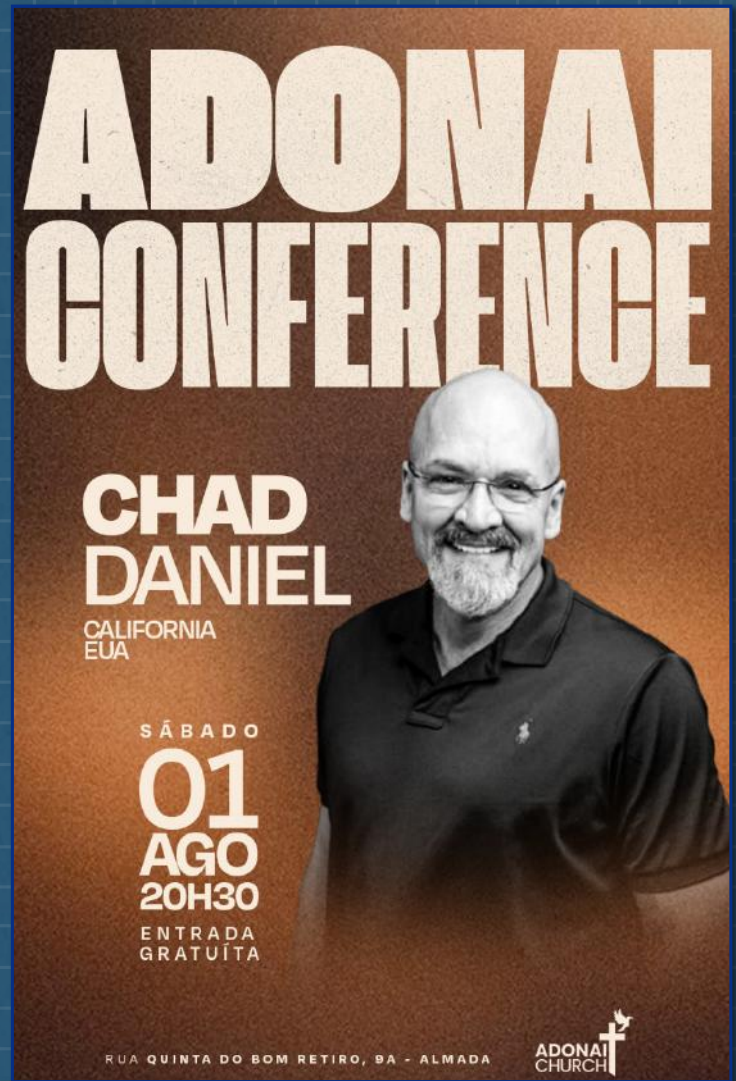
PSALM 127:1:

"UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS
THE HOUSE, THE BUILDERS
LABOR IN VAIN."

When I look back, every new country, every outreach, and every unexpected door began with a step of faith. We didn't always know where the road would lead—we simply knew God was asking us to move.

And I believe He is asking us to move again.

As we step into this next chapter, our desire is not to build our own vision, but to have the courage to follow His. We will keep taking bold steps of faith, trusting that when we place what is in our hands into His, He will build something far greater than we ever could on our own.



As I looked across every conversation and open door, I was reminded that God often does His deepest work beneath the surface long before anything becomes visible. Seeds are planted before they're harvested. Foundations are poured before walls are raised. Relationships are built before movements grow.



What made this trip especially significant was seeing how the relationships God had already established became the very doors to new ones. Again and again, trusted friends introduced us to leaders who share the same heart and the same burden—to see a voice of faith, hope, and the Gospel echo through schools, universities, and communities across Europe. Sometimes, it's not what you know, but who you know!

While experience and strategy certainly matter, I've come to appreciate more than ever that God so often advances His Kingdom through relationships. The people we met are not simply new acquaintances; they are fellow builders, committed to walking together as we pursue the work God has set before us. These kinds of meetings create relational doorways that lead back to local churches and faith based communities, providing life-giving environments for continued growth.



My heart to see first responders walk in peace, hope, and freedom goes with me wherever I go. I met this Maritime Police officer, struck up a conversation, exchanged patches and phone numbers, and made a new connection. Opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ are everywhere!

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TPM Marajó was unlike anything I had ever experienced.

To reach Marajó in the Amazon, our team took a 6-hour flight to Belém, spent the night sleeping in hammocks on a large boat, then took a small boat to reach the riverside community along the Semanajó River.

These people live in stilt houses that are accessible only by boat, so our usual strategy of holding several consecutive days of school meetings had to be adapted! In partnership with local ministries, we went from house to house sharing the Gospel and inviting families to a special gathering. At the final event, we held sessions for women, couples and children.

Topics like sexual abuse, salvation and healing were addressed in each group through age-appropriate and context-specific approaches. In addition to distributing reusable menstrual pads, we gave away 216 food parcels and toys.

It was incredible!

I've served on many mission trips in different countries, but this was the most logistically challenging trip I've been on. Sleeping in hammocks, enduring equatorial heat, encountering spiders and countless insects and witnessing deep poverty made the experience both humbling and unforgettable.

And I would do it all over again.

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• COMING UP NEXT •

Yellow September is recognized across Brazil as the national month of suicide prevention, a unique opportunity to bring the hope of Christ into the midst of a growing crisis affecting every generation.

On September 1, we begin our four-week **Viva Vida** campaign throughout the states of Pernambuco and Paraíba. Through the favor God has given us with educators, civic leaders, and government officials, we are once again

being welcomed into schools, universities, police departments, churches, prisons, and some of Brazil's most impoverished communities to proclaim a message of hope, identity, and the life-changing freedom found in Jesus.

This is, at its heart, a battle for life. Jesus said in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Every event is an opportunity to confront hopelessness with the truth that every life has immeasurable value in Christ.

As we begin this campaign, I'm asking you to stand with us in daily prayer. We know the battle is spiritual, and your prayers are an essential part of this mission. As Ephesians 6:12 reminds us, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood..."

Thank you for your faithful prayers, generous support, and enduring friendship. Together, we are proclaiming the hope of Christ and declaring the promise of John 10:10, that in Jesus there is life, and life in all its fullness.



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Thank you for walking this journey with us through your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support. We believe every conversation, every partnership, and every step of obedience is preparing the way for more lives to encounter the hope found in Jesus Christ. We are grateful to be building together.

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