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was a father to the fatherless, sets the solitary in families and brings out those who are bound. How aptly, this explains our group of lone figures of whom I am a part.

Prayer Requests:

- The remaining funds for the second phase (auditorium)
- Our youth as they grow in Christ
- Many of our members and attenders don't have jobs
- Qualified men for deacons
- Qualified children's teachers

Praises:

- 2/3 of the funds needed for the second phase of our building
- Good attendance in both the discipleship and song leading classes
- Good attendance in the Saturday night youth group study
- Visitors almost every week
- A wonderful Brazilian pastor and wife who actively show servanthood and love through discipleship

Dear Praying Friends:

The lone man's shadow stretched farther than his short stature as he entered the big metal doors of our church...a single form, no family waiting for him, no friends looking for him—**alone**. He was unknown to most of the people because he didn't live in the neighborhood. Oh, he greeted everyone with the fist bump and smile and everyone greeted him, but then, he sat **alone**. The next few weeks stretched into months as the lone figure entered again and again. Again, and again, he sat **alone**. I don't know how many services he sat **alone** before he decided to join our part of Christ's body, but join he did.

As state regulations hindered the church from having a reception for the new members, the lone figure continued to enter through those big metal doors until one Sunday, he wasn't **alone**. On the night of the new member's reception, he was surrounded by family...his wife, two sons, daughter-in-law and granddaughter were with us. Kindness and hospitality won people. So, it was with the lone man and his family. The church's warm reception toward this family has them visiting the church.

His wasn't the only lone shadow that entered our metal doors. Another lone figure has been coming. Silas also comes **alone**, though his life is very different. The only time that he is surrounded by family is with us at church. Silas's life took a turn when left his Christian upbringing and took to the road of alcohol. He has wasted much of his life living on the streets and in bondage to alcohol. He has requested prayer to gain victory through Christ and in this struggle, he is not **alone**.

Our lone figures aren't at an end. We have another lone figure, but this one is isolated by sickness. She is struggling for her life and our prayer is that God will raise her up to repentance. She has caused much havoc in our midst, but we hope that God isn't done with her yet.

Lone figures are in abundance in our young people's groups. Only about one-third of our teens have parents who attend. David penned that God

Thank You for Your Prayers,

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