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Dear Praying Friends:

The boiling water did nothing to temper the frigid waters in the swimming pool, but still the baptismal candidates stepped down to show their commitment to Christ. Shivering, the three testified of Christ's work in their lives while unsaved friends, family and church members looked on.

We would have loved to have this baptismal service take place in our building, but we have been stalled. Though we have permission to build, we were denounced to the federal environmental agency for infractions. Even after seeing the permission, the blueprints, and photos, we are stuck waiting on claims, court dates, and hearings. We were told that we would have to shorten our building. We have since been told that we are facing a criminal case. One of the charges is cutting the grass. We don't know all that is happening. We do know that someone doesn't want us to build a church there. Please, make this a matter of prayer. This process has taken funds that we don't have.

We have had to stop construction not-only because of this case, but-also because of lack of funds. The property has proven to be a little more complicated than first look would have made it out to be. It has required more metal and concrete in the foundation than first estimated. What we thought we be phase one has us with just a beginning.

Each Sunday night in children's church, we designate time to pray for Christians under persecution and their persecutors. It has been an encouragement to see the children grow in the area and burden of prayer. When I began to tell them about our brothers and sisters under persecution, their responses were joy for living in a free land. One stated that he would never go to such a place. Their prayers are showing a growth and desire to see, not only our brothers and sisters stand firm, but also those opposed to us come to know Christ. Some want to pray for more than one request.

Thank you for your prayers,

Kelly Love

**Praises**

• Maria Helen has been attending our services with some of her children. When first approached about a Bible study, she responded, "I don't need that. My husband is the one who needs salvation. After witnessing the baptismal service, she requested information about church membership. She has accepted Bible studies and has shown interest. She had her children leave the room and turn off the television so that she could concentrate. Bible study is difficult for her since she can't read.

**Pray for:**

- Funds for the new church building
- Some who have been missing recently: Kevin and family, Daniel, Bianca and family, Mateus and Marcus
- Phone lines and internet into the neighborhood
- Salvation: Maria, Edilene, Adriano, Luciene, Karen, Edina, Jean, Juscelino, Viviane, Maria Elena and family, Luis and family, Lorrán (a boy who attends alone)
- Daniel who is living in sin.
- It is our winter so attendance has taken a hit.
- **We need a photo of our land from 1986 as proof in the case against us.** There is one for sale for \$R500.

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