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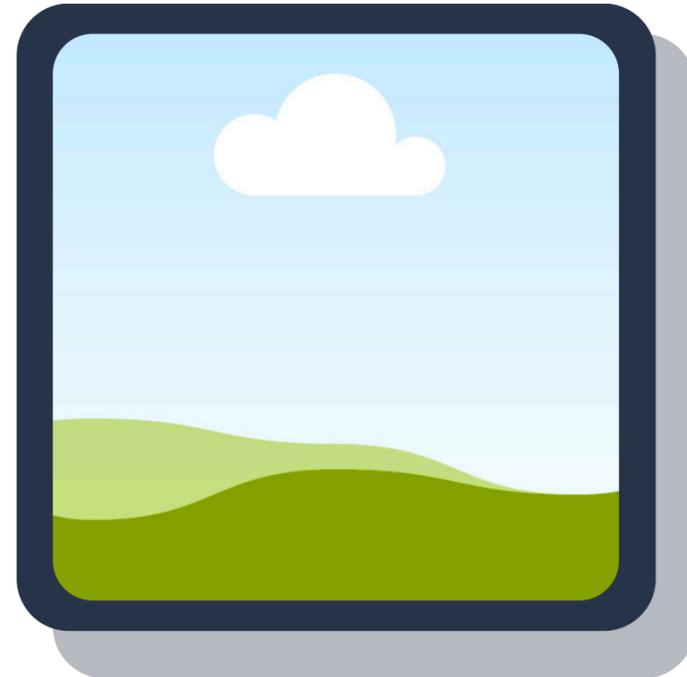
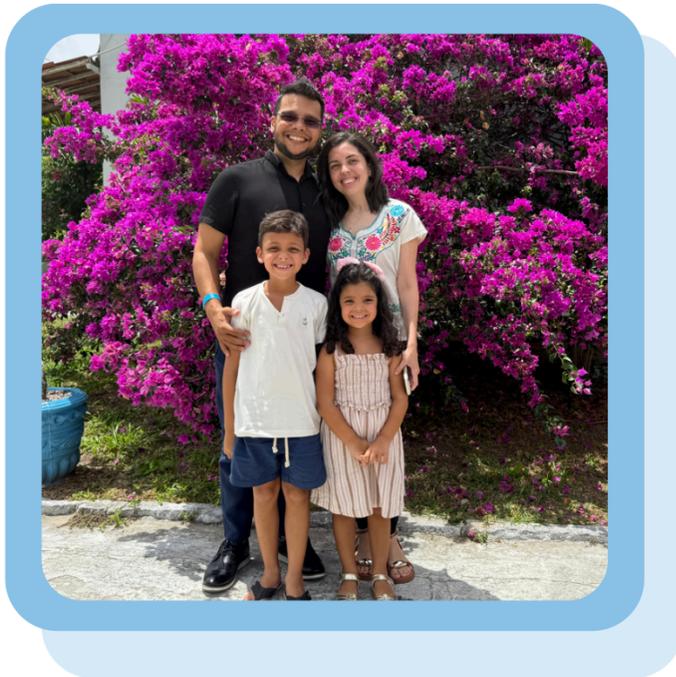
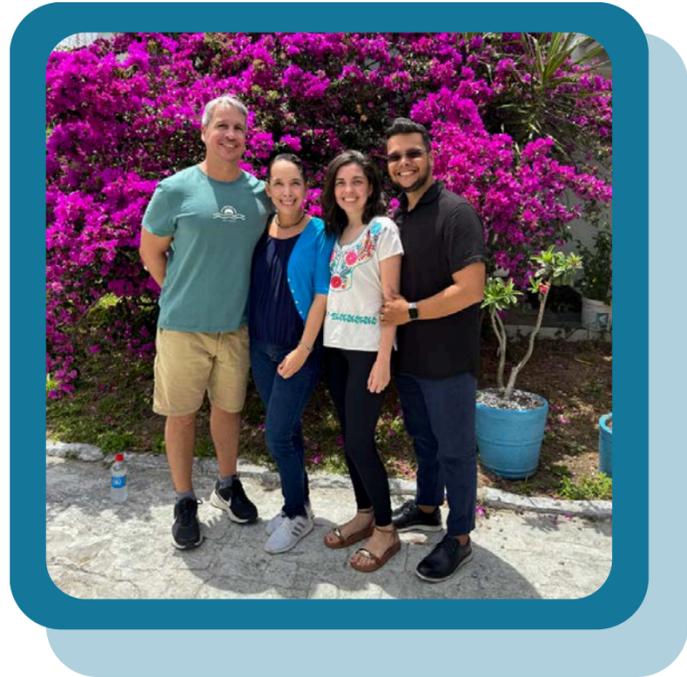
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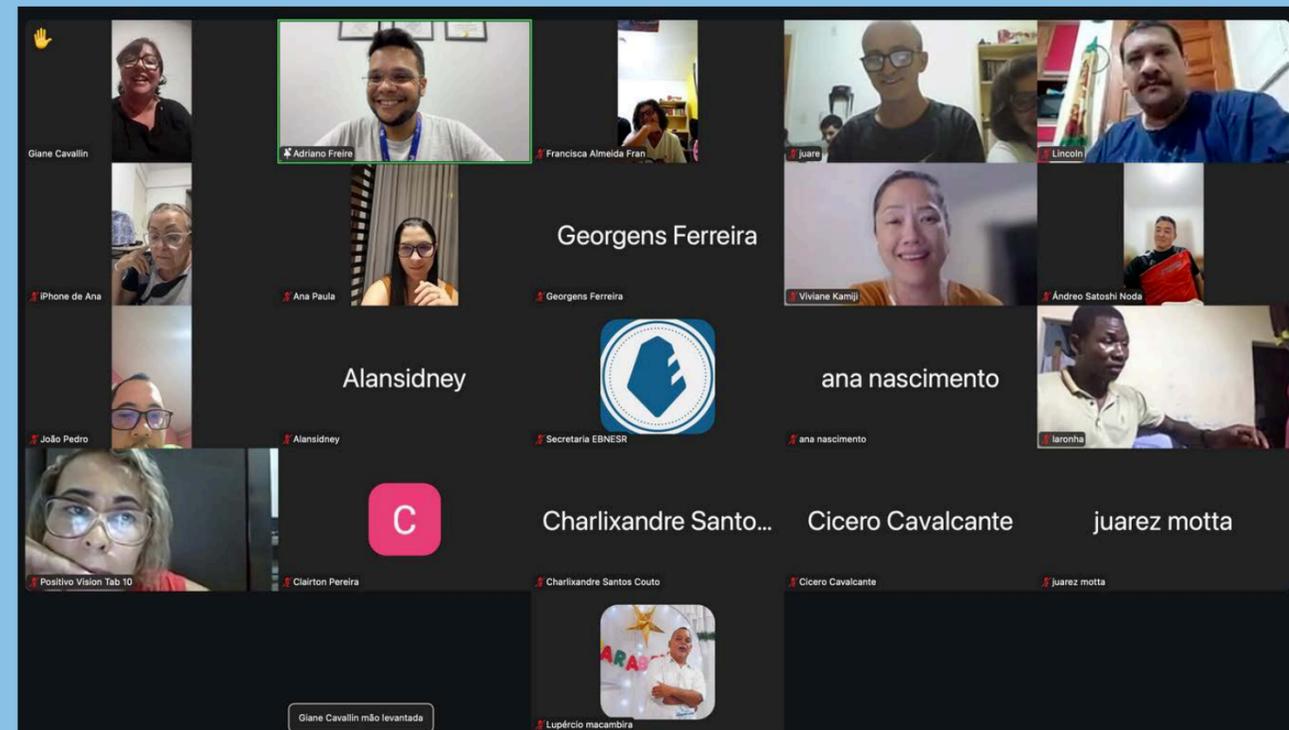
From January 15th to 18th, the church in João Pessoa hosted the 39th Northeastern Christian Congress, welcoming over 250 brothers and sisters in Christ. I had the privilege of serving as one of the keynote speakers. Centered on the theme "I Am Grateful," I preached from 1 John 4:19, emphasizing that our worship is a direct response to God's overwhelming goodness and mercy. Additionally, I led an afternoon worship station for two days, where we dedicated time to corporate praise, lifting up songs of gratitude to our Lord.





EBNESR 2026

Two of our new ARCA students have begun their theological training at the EBNESR School of Preaching, which commenced immediately following the congress. During this first quarter, I am teaching the "Wisdom Literature" course every Monday night via Zoom. Our online classroom is truly global, with students joining us from various cities across Brazil and Africa.



ARCA GRADUATION

Saturday, January 24th, marked a significant milestone for our ministry. We celebrated the graduation of the first ARCA cohort after a year of intense dedication, hard work, and spiritual growth. Following their three-month internships, the Class of 2025 has successfully completed this chapter of their ministerial journey. Praise be to God! That evening also signaled the beginning of a new season as we welcomed our incoming class.



We are excited to announce that Juan Nogueira, one of our graduates, has joined our staff as the ARCA Secretary for 2026. Furthermore, we bid a prayerful farewell to the Godoy family, who have been sent out to the mission field in Rio Grande do Norte. We are deeply encouraged by everything God has accomplished through them.

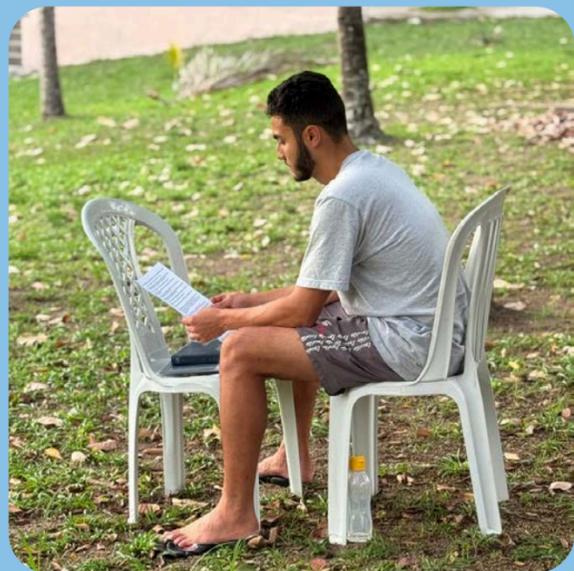


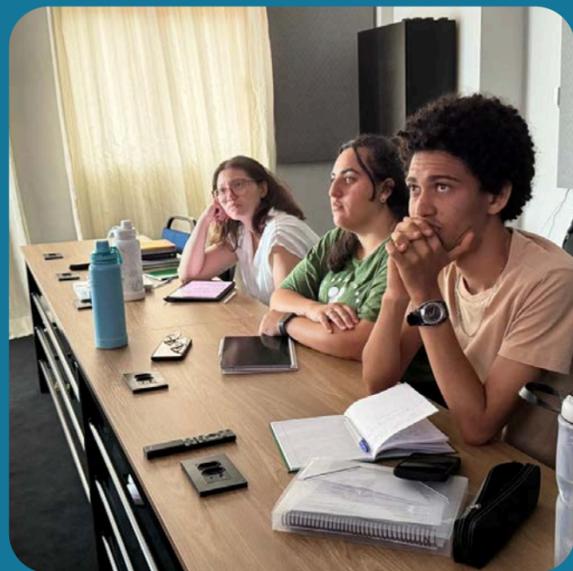
ARCA CONNECTION

Following the commissioning service at the Boa Viagem congregation, we launched a retreat called "Conexão ARCA" (ARCA Connection). This was a vital time for our graduates, the new cohort, and our faculty families to fellowship and seek the Lord together. Our first guest instructor was missionary Randy Warzecha, who taught a course titled "The Worshiper's Heart," focusing on the spiritual disciplines of guided meditation and intentional solitude with God.



There is no better way to begin our year than in an environment that draws us closer to God and fosters healthy community. After three days at the retreat, we returned to the ARCA campus to conclude the course with a screening of the documentary "Show Me the Father."





Semester Kickoff

Upon returning from the retreat, we dove straight into our first-quarter curriculum. The students are currently immersed in Music Theory, Musicology, Holistic Studies, and the Psalms. We are only wrapping up the first week, yet the depth of learning is already evident. This is just the beginning, and we give God all the glory.



Cantares

After two intensive weeks of events, the Cantares Ministry is officially back in session. We are launching several new projects with great enthusiasm, eager to serve God and impact lives through the power of the Gospel in song. Our prayer is that the Lord continues to use our music to win souls for His Kingdom. May He bless our plans as we strive to honor Him with our spiritual gifts.



Closing Gratitude

As I reflect on these opening weeks of 2026, my heart is overflowing with gratitude. First and foremost, I thank Almighty God for the profound privilege of serving and honoring Him through this ministry. It is only by His grace that we are able to take part in His divine work.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to my family, who stands by me in every season. Their unwavering support is my anchor, especially my wife, whose partnership and sacrifices make this mission possible.

I am also incredibly moved by the Church in Brazil. We are thankful for embracing the ARCA project so wholeheartedly during this inaugural year. Their involvement is the heartbeat of this ministry. To every brother and sister who sustains us through fervent prayer and financial support: please know that you are vital partners in every life transformed and every soul won for Christ.

I am reminded of the words of King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14: *"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."*

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS JOURNEY. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

