

Subject: An Exciting New Year! Rachevsky January 2018 Update

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## Fresh Start of a New Year

Many of you have been praying for us, especially after we visited your church in the last year. We want to let you know that God has answered your prayers in so many ways.

First off, in terms of health, I am doing amazingly better. Miraculously better! After a special time of prayer with my pastor and a couple of others, my body, mind, and soul were restored. Burn-out brought me no energy, but plenty of apathy, and numbness to emotion, except for bouts of anger, anxiety, and depression. After the time of prayer together, my love came back for the MKs, my energy returned, and the joy of the Lord has been bubbling inside constantly. Jesus sprang up a well of living water within me! I have been liberated! The Holy Spirit truly set me free. Jesus broke my chains!

Secondly, with the return of the love for the MKs in Portugal, we feel that God is directing me back to teach again at Greater Lisbon Christian Academy. I recognize that I do have limits, and by God's grace, will work on living a healthier lifestyle with appropriate rest and exercise.



Can't wait to get back!  
(And have the Canadian flag present again!)

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At Exponential Conference with some of the launch team from Temple Baptist Church!

Third, even though teaching at GLCA is my main ministry, the desire to multiply churches has been infused into our DNA during this furlough. Our time at the Exponential Conference in Chicago gave us the desire to see churches multiply. Also during this furlough, our home church, Temple Baptist Church has taken on the task to church plant themselves in our home city of Cambridge, ON!

I know one reason why I teach in Portugal is to be a help for the missionaries so that they would be able to focus their energy on discipling and evangelizing through planting churches. We would also love to be used in church multiplying efforts. We don't know exactly what that means for us in our return to Portugal just yet. Please pray that we find a balance in teaching and church or church planting ministry.

In order to return to Portugal we must have medical and financial clearances. Please pray for us as we seek these clearances. Lord willing, we plan to be back in Portugal in May as we have appointments to renew our visas on May

29th, where every member of our family must be present. Also, I ask that you pray and consider supporting us financially on a personal level if you don't already. There are currently 56 supporters helping the ministry financially: 14 churches and 42 individual regular supporters. We are in need of another \$980 in monthly support. We are looking for 50 people or churches who would either start giving or increase their support by an average of \$20 per month.

We know this is a stretch for some, especially as even our home church is now working on their own church planting efforts over the next year, and looking to recreate their facilities in the coming years. There are ministries that many of you are involved in which you are pouring your blood, sweat, tears, time, and money into already. This is why we ask that before you either jump at the opportunity to give, or refuse because you feel stretched so thin, pray. Pray that the Lord will direct partners in ministry to ABWE and the ministry we are involved in. Pray that the Holy Spirit shows you with clarity if you are to be one who gives or increases support, and if so, by how much. We have clearly seen God answer prayer. We have experienced His provision in incredible ways. Because of this, we have faith in Him taking care of us. We look forward to sharing with you in the near future of just how this prayer gets answered.

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