

## THE NEIGHBORS NOTICED

MARCH 25

### NARRATION

### GRAPHICS AND CLIPS

CN. **01** The Adventist Church is growing fast in Salvador, Brazil, despite the strong growth, unentered areas still exist in the city.

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CN. **02** For years Josenildo [jo-ZAY-new-dough] drank alcohol and disrupted the community. Arivaldo (ari-val-dough), an Adventist that lived nearby, knew that Josenildo was unemployed, so he offered him a job with his construction company, building churches.

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CN. **03** Josenildo noticed that Arivaldo treated him well and talked much about God when others treated him rudely. In time, Arivaldo invited Josenildo to read the Bible with him. Josenildo felt his heart change. Things he had once loved, he no longer cared for. His life was transformed. Josenildo accepted Jesus as his Savior and asked to be baptized.

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CN. **04** Josenildo's neighbors saw the changes in him. He no longer played loud music and wasn't drunk every evening. The neighbors asked, "What has happened to you? You're so different!" — "I've met Jesus," Josenildo said, with his eyes shining with joy.

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**CN. 05** Some doubted that an alcoholic could change so completely. Josenildo began inviting his neighbors to his Small Group meeting at home on Friday nights to talk with them and pray for their needs. He pointed to the Bible, showing them a Creator who cares deeply for them.

**CN. 06** As a result, ten people have been baptized, and more are preparing for baptism. Small Groups like this one form the core of the church in Salvador. They grow into congregations, and these congregations divide into more Small Groups and spread throughout the city.

**CN. 07** Years ago, the church leadership in the state of Bahia, where Salvador is located, set a goal to build 1,000 churches in five years. They reached their goal, and now all 1,000 churches have new members. Josenildo's life testifies that no matter what struggles someone may face, Jesus can transform their life.

**CN. 08** In 2022 the Adventist Church started a program known as "Mission Refocus", which plans to maximize resources to reach more unentered territories and new people groups. By supporting this effort, through your tithes and "Promise"—regular and systematic offerings—more and more people like Josenildo and Arivaldo will know Jesus.

As we return our Tithe and Promise, may we put our desires last and God first.

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