

PRAYING

FROM PAMPLIN

Missions *Brazilians in New Jersey*

As we pray, let's focus on NJ and two of our missionaries there who have planted a new church. **Fred and Damaris Castro** have planted Redemption Church in Long Branch, New Jersey. It's an urban area south of New York City and is located between the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic Ocean. Fred and his wife are from Brazil, originally. He served with a Brazilian Baptist church in the Boston area for two years. Then God called him to plant a new church among the Hispanics in Long Branch.

It's a diverse community in that people from around the world live here. But there are high numbers of Portuguese speakers from Portugal and Brazil, plus Spanish speakers from many countries. The church has been able to meet many of these through its English as a Second Language classes. Some of those students have accepted Christ as Savior and are in the church now.

Other people show up with needs and Fred tries to meet those needs. When Fred met Geraldo, the man struggled with alcoholism. But after attending church for a month, Geraldo accepted Christ as his Savior and gave up drinking alcohol. The church is still discipling him in the faith. Let's pray for them this week as they minister for Christ.

Church of the Week

Spout Springs Baptist Church
Spout Spring, VA
Pastor Jeff Slaughter

Shut-in of the Month

Aelese Cobb
16463 Richmond Hwy
Pamplin, VA 23958

Prayer Concerns from Congregation

Government Leaders

- For the president and the three prime ministers as they discuss concerns in the Indo-Pacific.
- For leaders in Congress as they discuss the federal budget with the president's negotiation team.

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If we're asking about any step in the future, big or small, Will this really be good for me? And, can I really do this? Then the answer is if it's part of his plan, yes it will be and yes you can.

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