

Dear, Friends! Greetings from Portugal!

We have some great joy to share with you!

Since we arrived in Portugal in 1999, our primary calling --stated in the Great Commission-- has been to plant churches and train new leaders. This means that beginning a seminary featuring leadership training, theology and church planting was a priority. Within three years, our seminary became a reality, and many of our students have already graduated and now serve in various leadership roles. Even today, around 20 students here in Portugal are enrolled in 3 different classes.

But our vision is not just for Portugal. Yesterday, we opened the **Free Methodist Seminary in São Tomé and Príncipe, in Africa**, as an extension of the FMC seminary in Portugal. More than 20 students are enrolled with the majority being pastors and other leaders who have never had the opportunity to receive training in a deeper understanding of Scripture. With no theological seminary in São Tomé, most pastors have no training whatsoever.



Now in their third year as missionaries there, Pastors Moisés and Jacione Souza are rejoicing as this project will not only bless the current Body of Christ, but will also give opportunity for new believers to become grounded in the Word.

And you, dear friend and partner, are part of it all!
Thank you for being with us in this great vision.