

Prayer & Praise 10

July 4th , 2026

Dear Praying Friends,

Happy 250th Anniversary of the United States of America... One Nation **Under God**- A Government **of the People, by the people and for the People!** 😊



I am a **Patriotic American** and **Grateful** for the Country of my Birth and Nationality. **I remember** celebrating the 200th Independence Day when I was 13 years old thinking our country was soooooo old. **Fifty years later** I realize this **Beloved Nation** of ours is just a Baby 😊. Case in point.... My Also **Beloved Grandmother** lived 100 of these years!

I also have **enjoyed Life in the local Church** growing up in **The United States** and I professed Christ as Lord and Savior at this **precious Milestone of our Country** 50 years ago. Christ has remained **the Center of my life** these **past 5 Decades** and I am Resolved **to Praise Him** and **to Declare His Excellencies All** the Days of My Life!



Today, Friday July 3rd, I will start my second Cycle of Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy. By God's Grace **I remain WELL,** Physically, Spiritual and Emotionally, and **Engaged in the Life and Mission** of our **Local Church- The Union Church of Rio (UC Rio)!**

UC Rio was founded by an American Missionary back in 1886 during the Reign of Dom Pedro II to meet the **Spiritual** needs of the many Foreigners Residing in Rio, the Capital of Brazil at the time. The Church was inaugurated on July 4th, 1886.

Oasis & Launchpad of Hope!

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Saturday, July 4th, **UC Rio** will **CELEBRATE 140 Years of God's Faithfulness** in the **LIFE & Mission of Our Church** 🙌.

As **an Oasis** we **Gather** the Nations Together to **Worship the NAME of Christ** and Together We are called to know, love, live for and to Glorify HIM.

As **a Launchpad of Hope** Christ Sends the Church, called Out from The World, back **to The World as a witness to the Person & Work of the King** of The Kingdom of God- As **He Restores, Reconciles and Transforms, a Broken World** unto himself!

Please Pray for the **Life & Mission of The Union Church of Rio**, and **Praise God** with us for **His Faithfulness** and **Powerful Working** through **the Local Church** in Rio de Janeiro and Beyond in 2026.

The Rain did not dampen our Celebration.

A Special Day Dedicated to The LORD'S Faithfulness in the LIFE & Mission of UC Rio.





Above: Our UC Rio family & Partners Celebrate in Style!

Below: Marcelo from the **Rio International School** gathers with Pastor Fabiano, men from **Cume do Monte Church** and Américo (**UC Rio**).



Below: New LIFE! Victor & Joyce Brought Little LUCAS to the Party!



ESDRAS- Christian Surfers Brazil



& Young Lives Impacted for Christ!



**Girls World Cup Party.....
Cute Animals are a #1 Priority
over the Actual Game!**



Alyssia is Holding our New Little Kitty Nina. Polka the Painted Dog is also Real. Even though the Kids are real and present at the Party the Rest of the Animals are AI. 😊. My Brother Brian is Responsible for that! Every time I would send a photo to the family he would add animals!

Both Brazil and the US are Out of the World Cup but we still had fun and continue to enjoy the Games!



Américo Prays with his son, Nick (pictured left) and Vinicius. The UC Rio Men's Bible Study **praying for one person by name** who does not yet know Christ and who might NOT be willing to come to a Worship Service BUT would venture out to a 4th of July Picnic Celebrating the Life of our Church. Each Man has a printed invitation to the party and is encouraged to write the name of the man on it, to pray for him and to invite him. **LOVE. KNOW. SPEAK. DO.**

We are also praying for Américo's Son, Nick who has been **very open to** Spiritual Conversations lately. We are very happy that he participated in the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study. **Pastors Rodrigo, George and Craig** pray during the UC Rio Worship Service. **Below Carlos** Teaches the Men's Bible Study.





França is Honored for His 20 years of Service at the Union Church of Rio. Today is our Business Administrator and is known as "The Maestro" on our Worship Team! **Below is our UC staff.**



Our Ladies Wednesday and Saturday Bible Studies 😊



Praise God with US.

- Thank the Lord for Faithful Leaders like Pastors Rodrigo & George along with men like Américo and Carlos serving in the Regular Teaching & Shepherding Ministries of the Church.

Please Pray:

- Pray for the Salvation of Nick, (Américo's son), Mauricio (Craig's Tennis Mentor), Raphael & Lohan (Carlos' Friend & Colleague) and Ricardo (Américo's Motorcycle Enthusiast Friend). More to come about these men soon. Each of us have had opportunity to share Christ with these friends and Family members.
- **Cycle 2 & 3 of Chemo & Immunotherapy.**
Please Continue to pray for my physical, Emotional and Spiritual Wellness as I go through Treatment for Carcinoma Urothelial Cancer. Friday I will receive my second Treatment of the 2nd Cycle. The 3rd Cycle will take place on July 24th and 31st Followed by an MRI in the first week of August to evaluate the possibility of Surgery.

Our hope is that the Micro Cancer cells and the Tumor will be reduced in size and area so that I can undergo Surgery to remove the infected Kidney in September. Right now, Surgery would be very risky due to the spread of the Cancerous Cells.

Thank you for your ongoing support and through Prayer and giving.
Delighting in HIM,

Craig, Alessandra and Alyssia Weyandt

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