# MISSIONS IN PORTUGAL



The people rejoiced at this response, because they had presented their offerings to the LORD so willingly and wholeheartedly.

King David also rejoiced greatly.

1 Chronicles 29.9



The AD Transforma in Lisbon began in 2014 and in 2025 completed 11 years of activities. It is currently located in a strategic area between two communities: Penha de França and Arroios; These communities have very different realities. In Penha de França, 70% of the population is essentially made up of elderly people away from family life, while the Community of Arroios is made up of many immigrants of more than 70 nationalities.



At the beginning of 2020, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Church was forced to change its address. After much prayer and searching, we found a new place to settle. However, we found this structure badly damaged, which required a lot of effort and financial investment. But by the infinite grace of our God, even in the midst of the pandemic, we managed to restore this space to be not only a place of worship, but a place with a structure that allowed us to serve the community.



All of the church's spaces were remodeled to serve multi-use, adapting to whatever needs arise.

Affirmatively, the Church has to be involved with the community, which is why, among the various spaces, we have prepared a special environment to serve children, both those who are part of the church, through a specific service for their age, as well as to serve children in the community with activities aimed at them.

We use the worship hall to promote lectures to the community on various topics and we also want to implement a Portuguese Course to help immigrants who arrive here. To serve the community in a more in-person way, we also have a charity bazaar that we use as a bridge to make many contacts, and it was through this bazaar that a Portuguese lady converted. She started by going to buy some things and one day at her house, a voice said: "Go talk to those people at the bazaar and they can help you". So, after several conversations, she surrendered to Christ. God be praised!

This is just one of the experiences we have had as we work towards the growth of the Kingdom of our God and that is why we want to count on your help, as we believe that lives will continue to be touched by this work in Lisbon and throughout Portugal.



THE CHALLENGE

When we signed the contract for the use of this new location in 2020, we were made an offer to purchase it in installments and without interest. This space is located in a central area of Lisbon and has 400m2 on two floors of 200m2.

This space is perfect because we are truly in the middle of the community. Many churches, due to the high cost of rent, have moved from the center to other distant locations. Therefore, few churches have managed to remain in the city center, where people actually live.

God gave us grace and we signed a rental contract with the possibility of purchasing within 6 years, but this year (2025) this space has a much higher market value, at least 500 thousand euros.

### So, what we've done so far:

- Even though we are a small congregation, around 60 people, we have already invested more than 45 thousand euros to restore the space.
- As per the contract, all rents are already part of the payment, by July 2025, we have already paid 63 thousand euros. Every month we pay 1000 euros in rent (very cheap for this area of the city. Today you cannot find a space of this size for less than 3000 euros to rent)
- We have already paid 36 thousand euros in advance to purchase the property. So, of the agreed total, we have already paid 99 thousand euros
- In total we have already invested more than 144 thousand euros.



# **PHOTOS**

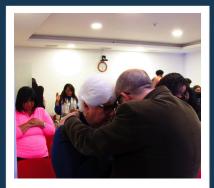




THE CHURCH



MEETING WITH WOMEN



PRAYER



BAPTISMS



WORKSHOPS



TRAININGS



EVANGELISM IN THE PARK



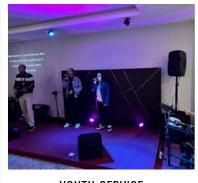
CHURCH PLANTING



COMMUNITY BAZAAR



WORKING WITH CHILDREN



YOUTH SERVICE



SERVICE

## **NEEDS**



- Prayers. We understood that it was God who was directing us and we accepted this challenge, we believed in the Lord who works for us.
- We need 200 thousand euros to pay for the space where the church is located. We know that it is a great challenge and you can have the privilege of being part of this work by praying and, if you wish, contributing with an amount that God places in your heart.

#### Risk



• The contract that was made has a non-compliance clause. If we do not pay the full value of the property by June 2026, the contract is canceled and we lose the entire investment.

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MISSIONS ARE DONE IN THREE WAYS: **PRAYING, GOING AND CONTRIBUTING**.
THEREFORE, "ALL OF US" CAN DO MISSIONS.

