**News from Living Water’s Church – Olinda.**

Olinda, June 2013.

Dear Friends,

Ian and I have been feeling the need to strengthen our communications especially with old friends with whom we have shared over many years. Many things have changed since we arrived in Olinda to plant the Anglican Church in this historic city.

Together we began the first church, Emanuel Parish, and latter its daughter churches. After working together for thirteen years, the bishop of the diocese sent me to pastor the Pro-Cathedral in Recife while Ian remained in Olinda. At this time however, I was also discovering the Rubbish Tip in Olinda, and during the last nineteen years we have planted the Living Waters Church, that was born within the Tip. In this place of great misery and abandonment, we continued to learn that nothing is impossible for God. You may remember the many supposedly terminal illnesses that Ian suffered and all of which God cured in miraculous ways, and then finally bladder cancer, that has also been totally cured, as the latest check-up tests have now shown, praise be to God!

Here, we have learnt that God is a God that loves and transforms people and places isolated by the lack of family structure, sin, vices, and crime. Today we have many strong testimonies and we are seeing signs of maturity.

The first bible text that God gave us when we arrived in Olinda was: “those that sow with tears, with songs of joy will reap. He who goes out in tears to sow the seed, with songs of joy will bring in the harvest”. Psalm 126 v 5, 6

At that time, I was just 20 years old, and latter, when I arrived at the tip alone at the age of 33, God gave me the verses of Isaiah 61. Today, with much joy at thanksgiving, we are working together again, Ian and our sons. Now is the time for the joyful harvest, bringing in the sheaves by hand and contemplating the trees of justice that God has planted in this place.”

We are revitalizing our NGO My Father´s House, with new works and new actions, a beginning a second NGO that will be our means of training for work and the generation of income, It is to be called “GERAR” or “Generate.”

There is still much to come, and we believe that still the best from God for this land. We are planning new works and a time of expansion through small groups, and helping communities in difficulties in the interior of the state.

Please, have a look at the video and praise God with us for this new time.

In the love of Jesus,

**Living Water's Church (Documentary)**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcAhV2Q0Zx0>

Ian, Siméa, Tim, John Hudson and all the church family.

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