Dear Andrews,

Until recently the city of Montadas in northeast Brazil had no Seventh-day Adventist presence. That changed when Patricio and Cristina Silva moved to town. They arrived specifically to start a new Adventist Church.

Maranatha built a One-Day Church in Montadas and Patricio organized the completion of the building. Soon, people started showing an active interest in the Bible studies that the Silvas were leading.

It's been less than a year since the Silvas moved to Montadas, and about two months since the new church was completed. There are now 53 baptized members of the church and many more studying.

Over and over again we see that a church building is an integral part of reaching each community with the Gospel message. Each new church translates directly into new members—people who will be in the Kingdom of God because a church was built in their community.

Maranatha receives thousands of requests for new buildings. We can't say yes to every one, but we want to respond to as many as we can. The $10 Church program allows us to respond to these urgent requests for churches. The idea is simple—many people working
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