DAMASCENO



Hermelinda & Jorge Damasceno

UNITED KINGDOM

LANGUAGES

Portuguese English

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

Hermelinda 5/20 Jorge 8/30







ABOUT

HERMELINDA and JORGE serve as associate global servants with the Baptist Churches in the East Anglia region of the United Kingdom. They assist churches in reaching communities of Portuguese-speaking migrant workers by visiting, assessing needs and developing strategies to welcome and provide

services for the migrants to grow in their understanding of God's love, truth and justice. Previously working in Albania, Hermelinda and Jorge now serve in the UK as jointly appointed global servants of International Ministries and JAMI, the cross-cultural mission agency of the National Baptist Convention (CBN) in Brazil. They also serve in Tanzania with Health Amplifier, an NGO partner co-founded by Jorge, who also serves as its executive director. Health Amplifier delivers affordable and community-focused medical care to remote areas in Tanzania.





Sister Natalie, a Health Amplifier from Guinea Bissau, is baptized.



It is with great joy that we share what God is doing here in England. Our work with immigrants comes with challenges as it takes time for immigrants to understand that they are part of this land and culture. For some, the feeling of not belonging makes it difficult to create roots here, which interferes with their commitment to the local church.

However, despite these challenges, we have seen the move of God, and the church is awakening to reach the community. One of the strategies God has given us is the English course classes. To the glory of God, this has helped us reach out to refugees and asylum seekers from war-torn countries, such as Syria and Ukraine. We also offer basic literacy classes because some immigrants did not have the opportunity to become literate in their home countries.

Discipleship is our focus, and the church is understanding what it means to be

a disciple of Jesus, and that we cannot negotiate our faith. The discipleship course brings many young people to the congregation, and we recently had the baptism of a sister with a beautiful conversion story.

We believe that God's will is being fulfilled here in this place through our lives and we need your prayers to remain firm and encouraged.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for God's discernment.

Pray for God to raise up new leaders.

Pray for unity amongst the different ethnic groups we serve.

SCRIPTURE

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Mathew 5:16 (NIV)

