



# Bob Leshner

## NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well. Thanks for connecting through the NEWSLETTER. Thanks for your prayers for us here in Macapa and for giving to the ministry as well.

This month's letter, we are continuing with our leadership interviews that Luana did several weeks ago. I think you will enjoy meeting Erica.

Please continue to pray for us. We are in the process of a new building project. We need the Lord's wisdom and provision. You will be hearing more about it in the future.

Remember, I'm praying for your Breakthrough! Bob Leshner



## ERICA SOUZA RAMOS PINHEIRO 28 YEARS, LEADER OF THE GIRLS MINISTRY



Erica told me that when she was a child, she used to go to a municipality in the city of Macapá called Porto Grande. I think what I really loved to do in my childhood was when I went to Porto Grande by bus with my parents and my brothers to my grandmother's house. It was a wonderful moment, with my uncles; they treated me very well. We would go to a place where there was a river and we would swim in the river, and they would have parties with food. It was a moment I loved very much. It marked my childhood.

We talked about school during childhood and youth... Erica: In school, I was a good student, I was always shy, the teachers gave me good grades, when there was an award, I was always involved, I graduated high school, but I didn't go to college.

My relationship with my mother has always been good, but I was always closer to my mother. I had affection from my father, but he was not as present as my mother; he worked a lot. But it was a good relationship. I had a good relationship with my siblings; we fought a lot when we were kids, but we always had playfulness and love involved.

When I was 21 years old, I got pregnant with my daughter Hannah, she was planned by me and my husband. I found out about my pregnancy early, I did everything right, my husband and my mother-in-law were always present during the pregnancy and when Hannah was born. It was a tough time with breastfeeding, but it was a very wonderful moment, literally a gift from God in our lives, the experience of being a mother is incredible. "Hannah is 7 years old, sings in the worship ministry of the Vineyard Church in Macapá, speaks English fluently, and is very dedicated in her life with Jesus."

I asked Erica about her dreams and plans in view... I want to have a vehicle, a car, to go out with my family, it's safer than a motorcycle. It's one of my dreams that I want to have, but my biggest dream is to see my whole family serving God, my husband, my siblings, and my mother; I ask for prayers about this. We talked about her leadership in the vineyard in Macapá. I really want to be able to win more souls, more young people for our church. I feel happy leading the group of young women in the church, also serving in various areas.

Erica told me about her life testimony. I was a person who didn't know Jesus, I didn't have a habit of praying, and I didn't go to church. My adolescence was quite tumultuous; I even tried drinking, but there came a time when I wanted to change. People started to speak very poorly of me, so I began to go to church with a friend, and I started to like it. However, in my mind, I was set on not wanting to accept Jesus or anything like that. But one day, Jesus spoke to my heart; the Holy Spirit opened my heart and eyes, and I began to change—my style of dressing, and I distanced myself from the wrong friendships. I started to change more and more. One day, I met Felipe, my husband, and we went to church when I was between 16 and 17 years old. I went to other churches, but then I discovered Vineyard, which won my heart, and I stayed at Vineyard Macapá.

I had difficulty with my parents' separation; it was something that really affected me. I lived in a house full of people, lively... my parents met when they were quite young, and I had the impression that they would never separate, but unfortunately, that happened. Shortly after, my grandfather passed away, and then my mother-in-law; it was hard for my husband and me. Today I can understand and come to terms with it, but at the time, it was a very difficult moment. God helped us through this long journey.

Erica told me about her professional life. I have always been an entrepreneur, working with snacks, but there came a time when I no longer wanted to, it was too much work, I had no life, so I talked to God to show me something new, I asked Him for a sign. I remember I had a fitness outfit at home, and I said: God, if I'm meant to work with this, let me sell this outfit today, and then I sold it, and I trusted God's answer. At first, my family didn't like it very much, they were pensive, but it worked out, God made it work, and today I work with clothing, I earn my living and support my household.