

DAMASCENO



Hermelinda & Jorge Damasceno

UNITED KINGDOM

LANGUAGES

Portuguese
English

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

Hermelinda 5/20
Jorge 8/30



LOCATION

United Kingdom



ABOUT

HERMELINDA and JORGE are associate global servants who serve 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. The Damascenos previously served in Albania and now serve in the UK as jointly appointed missionaries 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, a nongovernmental organization co-founded by Jorge, where he currently serves as executive director. Health Amplifier delivers affordable and community-focused medical care to remote areas in Tanzania.

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We gather together as one church.

“ MINISTRY STORY

When asked which word would sum up the last two years of our ministry, we said “silence.” This silence was expressed in so many ways: during the online services, the lack of festive noise from congregational singing and praying to God, or noise from the children running around and playing after the service, or the sound of laughter or sometimes crying over a cup of tea or coffee after a service, and so on.

If you are like me or the prophet Elijah, being active is an important part of ministry. We often can't escape the temptation of thinking that the lack of activity, or movement, in ministry might be the sign that something is not quite right.

Like the prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19:11-12, we learned that in times of crisis, trials, and difficulties, all we need to do is to stand in God's presence and allow him to pass by and do things in his way. Even though we didn't experience

earthquake or fire, we had baptisms and saw some people coming to faith. On reflection, I would call this time a “gentle whisper” instead of silence. God is always speaking in many ways. We just need to start listening. We rejoice in a God who is sovereign and is not limited by circumstances to do as he pleases.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for God's wisdom for the future direction of the ministry.

Pray that God will raise up new leaders.

Pray for more integration amongst the different ethnic groups in the ministry.

SCRIPTURE

“After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.”

1 Kings 19:12 (NIV)