

Jeremy & Joneia Bennett

Missionaries to Caxias do Sul, RS Brazil

April, May, June
2024



Autumn's Events

Well, most of our events were postponed because of rain. In April, we had record storms that lasted for over two weeks! There was so much rain, we were actually trapped on our property for a small time! We usually have three exits, but one exit was flooded, another had a tree fallen over the road, and the third had such deep trenches it would wreck the car just to try and drive over it! Our State, Rio Grande do Sul, has been in crisis. We live in the mountains, so our damage was minimal, but all of that water made its way down the mountain and made a mess of our capital city. Whole neighborhoods were wiped out, buildings were flooded to about 16 feet, and the International Airport is shut down until around December. Be praying for our State! Such tragedies give opportunity for outreach and revival. We pray that our people here will turn to God.

When the rain cleared up, things started moving again. Our church got to marry a young couple, Felipe and Luana! John Yelle got to lead both of them to the Lord, and the next step they wanted to take was to get married. It was a beautiful wedding, and the first wedding in Brazil I've gotten to see. After this we had overnight events at our house with the teen girls, and then the teen boys. It was a great opportunity for the girls to connect with Joneia, and for the boys to bond with me. We played games, had a devotional, and got a whole hour of sleep. Now that I am intermediate with Portuguese, it has become a lot easier for me to connect with our teens and our members. In the beginning of June we had our Mother's Day Tea, planned and performed by Joneia, and at the end of June we had our Valentines Day Dinner (Jantar dos Namorados). Both events were fun and engaging.

This last month, we started Discipleship with another young couple, Robson and Sabrina. Both show a lot of hunger for God's Word, and we look forward to this process with them. Please be praying for them to learn and to grow in the coming weeks. Also, at the end of July, John and Neila Yelle are heading to The States for their furlough! This means Joneia and I will be on our own for the next year! We come to this time with excitement, and a lot of trepidation. There's a lot of work to be done, and with my intermediate level of Portuguese fluency, there's a lot of time needed for translating my lessons. I am very grateful Joneia is already fluent so that my sermons are significantly more intelligible. The amount of time to write one sermon is not that long, but the time for us to effectively TRANSLATE one sermon takes a lot more time. Please be praying that we will find the balance of time, and that God will keep us strong in the upcoming year! We are grateful to be here to continue the work, but we cannot do it without your prayers. Thank you so much, and God bless you.

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Joneia's Devotional - Teen Girls Night



Pr. John's "Love Letter" - Jantar dos Namorados

Praises

- Successful Church Events
- We have all of the furniture and appliances we need in our house to survive (we still need cabinetry and other appliances)
- Jeremy's Portuguese continues to improve

Prayer Requests

- Jeremy's Portuguese
- Discipleship with Robson & Sabrina
- Funds for our next project
- Flooding in Rio Grande do Sul (our state)
- Jeremy's new weekly preaching schedule
- Continued church growth



Felipe & Luana's Wedding

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