

# Jeremy & Joneia Bennett

Missionaries to Caxias do Sul, RS Brazil

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2024



## All of a sudden ...

...I am the pastor of our church! The Yelles have left on furlough for a year, and Joneia and I now have the responsibility of leadership! We are so grateful to be here so that the Yelles can have a successful furlough. One of the biggest challenges for a missionary is finding suitable caretakers of your home and ministry. It has been a pleasure to be able to alleviate some of that stress from them and serve in a larger capacity.

Now that I am pastor, our focus has shifted toward study and preaching. The DAY before the Yelles left, my Portuguese fluency skyrocketed, and I was able to lead the church services without any notes or prompting! I thank God for His help and perfect timing. With this greater fluency, I am now able to use other translating resources that I was not able to use before to cut my sermon translation time down significantly! It has been a privilege to be able to preach and teach again.

We have also seen our members step-up and help a lot with the work of the church. We scheduled days of deep cleaning and projects, and our men are stepping up to help with the preaching schedule. Robson, whom we have been discipling, has expressed desire to preach! He is now alternating the Sunday Morning preaching schedule with me. For our Ladies' meeting, one of our ladies also asked to be part of the teaching schedule! It has been a blessing to see our people rising up to run their church.

Please pray for us. Our work feels like it has doubled, and the attacks against us are fiercer. My mother had some first stage cancer removed in August (she is recovering very well), and my grandfather has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's this last month. We also had to put Joneia's horse down recently. She had this horse since she was four years old, and it has been a very sad process. But God gives us strength to make it through our toil as well as our grief.

Our ministry continues to grow. Our discipleship has been a blessing. Our church members are serving and thriving. We are grateful for our loving and serving members. Thank you all for your support in prayer and in giving.

May God bless you.  
Jeremy & Joneia Bennett



Our Preachers: Me, Robson, and Jonir

## Praises

- Jeremy's Portuguese continues to improve
- We are here to help the Yelles have a successful furlough
- Our members are stepping up

## Prayer Requests

- Jeremy's Portuguese
- Discipleship with Robson & Sabrina
- Continued church growth
- Jeremy's grandpa's Alzheimer's diagnosis



New Bridge Construction (The previous bridge on our property was destroyed during last quarter's storms)