

June 14, 2019

Dear Brethren,

On May 10th we landed in Dallas, TX, to be stateside for our son-in-law Jeremy's graduation from Bible college. The flights went well, and no luggage was lost. After the graduation, we hit the road to report to our Georgia and Florida supporting churches. During this time, we have been blessed with the privilege to present our ministry to two churches we've never been to before. During our stay stateside we're also being blessed with being able to spend memorable time with our family doing special things. We praise the Lord for His grace and mercy over our travels. Our return to Brazil is marked for June 26th.

It is a test of our faith to leave the ministry in the hands of the church members while we are gone for these seven weeks. We are confident, however, that it is the Lord's will. It's the Lord's church, and He's been taking care of it. We've been informed of four first time visitors, that the attendance has not dropped, and that the youth meeting had an all-time high! Alexandre is doing an extraordinary job on giving rides to and from church services in our seven seater Fiat van, and Vilson and Jonir are being a blessing to the congregations with their teaching and preaching.

Since our last letter we've seen two professions of faith. We praise God and His Word for our neighbor Metilde professing salvation a month before she passed into eternity. We also had a firstfruit of our English classes. Neila led Barbara to the Lord during one of her English classes!

The Lord has been working in other ways too. Over the last few months we've been in contact with four families who have been out of church for years, and they are beginning to come back into fellowship with the Lord and His church. Please be in prayer for Cristiano, Leandro, Dianafer, Mateus and their families, that the Holy Spirit would work mightely in their lives to bring them close to Him. An added blessing is that a young man by the name of Tobias is beginning to attend, who was invited initially by Mateus!

One of the highlight blessings was an out-of-the-blue contact from a young man who's been out of the Lord's will for ten years. Leonardo strayed when he was 17, and actually was getting involved in a voodoo type worship called Umbanda. His testimony is that the Holy Spirit never left him in peace, and all that he learned from Scripture weighed on his conscience. Well, Leo finally repented, apologized to us, and followed John's councel to get involved in a good local church we recommended. He also came for a visit, and spent Easter weekend with us.

Before we left for the United States, on May 4th we celebrated Mother's Day, with the men hosting a tea. All went well, and we had first time visitors! Please pray the Lord works in the hearts of these visiting moms and their daughters.

In our last letter we mentioned the desire to purchase a seven passenger vehicle for the ministry. Our mechanic found a great deal for us, low mileage and its only had one owner! We still lack a little over \$6,000 to be able to buy.

Our other prayer requests are:

- Continued prayer for the two congregations in our absence.
- Traveling mercies as we finish up our travels.
- Our aged parents as we spend a few days with them before we return.
- Salvation of: Dianafer's parents Alaor and Claudete; Joao, Neura's husband; Ronaldo and family; Alvaro's parents, Edinei and Nara, and his brother Caetano
- Spiritual growth for Barbara
- Return to fellowship with the Lord: Kelly and family; Manuela and family; Vitoria and family; Fatima and family
- Funds to purchase the 7 passenger vehicle for the ministry

Thank you for your prayers for our family and ministry. Lord bless!

In His service,

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