



News from

The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



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Dear friends,

The covid-19 pandemic has affected our church services here in Brazil in a negative manner, but we have found a way to still go forward in the work of the Lord. We did for nearly two months cancel our church services, due to governmental orders. However, we turned to social media and platforms such as Facebook, Skype and WhatsApp to teach, pray, and keep contact with our people.

One thing some may not understand about our situation is that we are in a society with a socialist culture. The Brazilian constitution does not provide as much liberty and limited power to government as the US constitution does. If we missionaries as foreigners go against the orders, we risk being deported and never having the opportunity to return.

It is a blessing, however, to see unchurched contacts tuned in to the studies. God's Word is being planted, we pray that soon we'll be reaping a harvest. We noted the other day that one of our studies logged in 148 views. Some were curious English speaking friends who don't understand Portuguese, but a lot were Brazilians.

Our daughter Leila graduated with honors from Dallas Baptist University in May. By God's grace we were able to be there to celebrate with her. Two weeks later, she had corrective scoliosis surgery. She is healing well, but it's a long road with pain. John headed back to Brazil for a five week stay for the ministry's sake, while Neila is still taking care of our daughter. In mid-July, Lord willing, John will return Stateside to join them. We both will be returning to Brazil September 15th. We plan on reporting to some churches during our stay in Texas.

When John returned to Caxias do Sul, he discovered that in our absence we have two new people congregating! Unfortunately, after only one service, the governor of the state put restrictions back in place because of virus outbreak. It looks like we won't be congregating now until at least one week into July. Please pray for our people. We all miss congregating and the fellowship, and this is disappointing.

Our prayer requests are:

- God's will be done with the ministry in Brazil.
- Wisdom with our evangelistic outreach through the media we can use.
- Our daughter Leila, that she heals well and gains employment.
- Our travels — in the States and back to Brazil.
- Our finances.

Thank you so much for your prayers. May God's grace be with you.

In His service,

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