



News from

# The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

*Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil*



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Dear friends,

Neila and I thank you all for your prayers for our family during our stay in the States. We returned to Brazil on October 15th. The trip went well, and all our baggage arrived with us.

Our daughter Leila is doing much better, and is now job hunting. She is doing physical therapy two to three times weekly. Please continue to pray for her full recovery from her surgery and that she soon will be employed.

In regards to the work, all is well. Jonir and Vilson were a blessing to us and the congregation in our absence, as they co-labored in front of the work. The Lord didn't allow the devil to cause any confusion or other problems, and the fellowship is still sweet. There were even several first time visitors while we were gone. We're all ready to go forward with the work, and especially looking forward to the end of the restrictions because of Covid-19. There is still much work to be done here in Caxias do Sul.

We have some short term goals we're looking to pursue. On the top of the list is to register the church as a legal entity so it can have its own bank account. We also are looking into doing live streams directly from the church building. Currently we don't have internet there, but are hoping to get high-speed service before the end of 2020.

With the pandemic, the men, ladies, and youth ministries have suffered. Some of the youth are heavily worked with studying at home, to the point they don't make time for congregating. Some of the youth have Saturday jobs that inhibit their attendance. Also, some parents are not allowing their children to participate in the church activities for fear of exposure to the corona virus. The men also, for fear of getting sick and losing work, are not wanting to participate in the men's meetings. Many of the women are also fearful.

We will be making lots of visits starting the first week of November. Some families have not come back to church since the shutdown in March though we've been having regular evening services since the end of April. Please pray for us as we encourage these young parents to seek the Lord and do His good will. Our assemblies follow the government imposed regulations of spacing out the seating and the use of face coverings. Here in Caxias do Sul, the authorities have made it law to use the masks when congregated, as well as when out in public areas.

Our prayer requests summed up are:

- Our daughter Leila to recover well from the spinal fusion and soon to be employed.
- Our goals to be met in a timely manner to God's glory.
- God's grace and mercy as we visit those who have not yet returned to congregating.
- For good health and wisdom as we go forward in this ministry for the Lord.

As we soon will be celebrating Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for how the Lord supplies our every need through you, your prayers, and other means. Thank you so much. May God's grace and mercy be with you, your family and your church in these trying times.

In His service,

John & Neila Yelle