



News from

The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



August 21, 2023

Dear friends,

It is always such a great blessing to see the Lord working in the lives of our youth. The other day Neila was talking with Eduarda in a conversational English session, and Eduarda told Neila that she and Yasmim are being missionaries at school, inviting their schoolmates to church. We've been working on helping the youth understand their "mission" where we adults are hindered in going. We praise the Lord in seeing fruit in our labor here!

Not only are the youth "getting it", but we have adults also that are understanding their important role in the mission work here in Caxias do Sul. John is continuing to disciple and train Robson in the ministry. Robson by trade is a barber, and he often tells us of his witnessing opportunities. At the end of July the church held a Friends Day event, and Robson invited his boss to come. Filipe and his girlfriend Luana came, and loved it. They indicated that our church is now going to be theirs too. So far they've participated in the services two more times, and soon we'll be getting together with them with the goal of knowing them better and to discover where they are spiritually.

Speaking of our church events, we've held three over the past three months. The Gospel is always well presented at these events, so it is a great way to reach those who normally won't visit during a scheduled church service.

In June, Brazil celebrates what we consider Valentines Day. The church hosted a dinner for couples, at which fifteen couples participated. Nearly half were visitors. Two ladies from the church volunteered to help with the food and cleanup.



Yasmim and Eduarda



Soup Night

At the end of July, we had a Friend's Day Soup Night. Fifty-four people participated! We had a special speaker that night, our friend Tom Latham. He is a missionary ministering about a two hour drive south of us, and has been on the field for fifty years. His message on the Lord and friendship was a blessing.

Brazil celebrates Father's Day in August. We held a special service with a reception afterwards. The services were blessed with forty-five present, six of whom were dads. The message John preached was "A Father in whom you can trust", focused on our heavenly Father.

Since our last letter, we had two professions of faith. One was an eight year old boy, Caio. We went to his house to counsel him with his mother, as he was being difficult to manage at school. During our time there, he called upon the Lord for forgiveness and salvation.

At the end of July, we were invited to Fernanda's apartment to answer questions she had about eternity. She had been already visiting our services with her boyfriend, Tobias. Tobias has been frequenting the church now for a couple of years. John clarified to her what salvation by grace through faith means, and she confessed the Lord as her Savior that night!



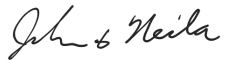
Fernanda receiving a Bible

Our prayer requests:

- Spiritual growth of Caio and Fernanda
- Outreach for Christ by the youth and adults
- Discipleship and ministerial training student, Robson

Thank you for your prayers and support for our ministry here in southern Brazil. May the Lord continue to bless you for your faithfulness to Him!

In His service,



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