



News from

The Yelles

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



May 16, 2026

Dear Friends,

A lot has transpired since our last prayer letter. We've seen both ministerial and health blessings!

With the health issue, we discovered at the end of March that Neila had a stage 2 breast cancer tumor. The next two weeks were crazy with going to and fro from doctors, to exams, to still being involved with ministerial tasks. There was only two days we didn't go off our property in that time span. All preliminary exams were completed quickly, which was a great blessing from God.

Neila still had a few more exams over the course of the next three weeks. The decision was made to remove the tumor first, due to the type of cancer and the fact that there was no sign that it had spread. The surgery was completed on May 8th. As of the writing of this letter, we still are waiting for the completed biopsies to decide the next step. However, one pre-liminary completed biopsy of the tumor and the removed lymph nodes shows no metastasis!

Neila has been taking every opportunity to witness for Christ through all the exams and doctor appointments. We give thanks and praise to God for all these new opportunities to spread His Truth and love. Reactions have varied, but for the results we wait on the Lord!

The youth had their spiritual getaway on our retreat property on February 13 to 14. We had ten participating and it was a blessed time. At the end of the month the teens began their own Sunday School class. Bro. Jeremy Bennett is leading it, and they are averaging around twelve participating. We have seen good spiritual growth in them.

After the morning services on the last Sunday of the month, several of the congregation are now spending about an hour on invites and tract distribution in the neighborhood. Most of the youth make a point of participating. We are so encouraged by the enthusiasm of our people in the area of spreading the Gospel.

In March, Neila and I began discipling Jonir and Cris, one of the deacons and his wife. We are currently half way through, and have had some great spiritual conversations and counseling. The goal is not only their spiritual strengthening, but also equipping them to disciple others of the church.

Easter morning was truly blessed with an attendance of sixty-four souls! The youth with the Bennetts presented a play written by two of our faithful young ladies. Their hard work and presentation were blessed and the play's message gave God the glory! Afterward John gave the Gospel message from the Word.

May's ministerial blessings began with a Mother's Day Tea on the first Saturday of the month. There were forty-one moms present, and the serving was mostly done by the youth. We had a total of seventy-two people present for the event (ladies, youth, men and children). That was a new record for the congregation for any service or event! Events like this have proven to be one of our most effective outreach means. The next events coming up are a couples dinner in June, and Friends Day in July. Please be praying with us concerning these activities.

Prayer requests:

- Discipleship and evangelism
- Upcoming events: Couples dinner in June; Friends Day in July
- Neila's complete recovery from cancer without using chemicals.

We thank you for your faithful prayers on behalf of our family and ministry. May God bless you all.

In His service,

John & Neila

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Mother's Day Tea



Gospel Tract Preparation

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