



Missionaries to Brazil

Reaching the World Through Brazil... Acts 1:8

Dear Prayer Partners,

March 2017

The Lord has opened the doors for us in a great way here. We are very excited about the next few months. We plan to begin laying the foundation for the church building in May. Progress is being made on the blueprints and authorizations needed for building.

Better yet, God has done some wonderful things IN the church! Lives are changing, people are getting involved, and God's people are rallying for souls here in Vilhena. "The future is as bright as the promises of God." ~ A. Judson

Last week Amanda and I had our first Bible study with two ladies, Ana Cleide and Ana Claudia. Ana Cleide is a doctor who is on call every day we have services. She asked specifically if we could have a service with them or a Bible study apart from the regular church hours. Please pray for them and their salvation as we seek to point them to Christ. They grew up in an evangelical church, but are questioning many things about that particular denomination. Neither of them are attending church at this time.

Our core group has grown quite a bit since the year's end. We have had several visitors recently. Our dentists (Felipe and Juliana) visited the church about a month and a half ago. They have only missed one week since their first visit.

There is an excitement among the people. Sunday night a casual conversation turned into a men's activity on the next holiday. Most of the men will be going on a fishing trip just before Easter. We will be spending a good bit of time together encouraging each other. One of the men planning to go on the trip (Silvino) is not saved. He is very confused on the issue of salvation because of past churches he attended.

This next month will be very taxing for us as we have special events in the church, a visit to the Indian tribe planned, and are pressing on with the building. We also have two city orchestra presentations in April. Our participation in the orchestra has given us many contacts and influence among an entirely different group of people. Judson, who was not playing in the orchestra until now, has been asked to practice with us also! Now we are all involved!

Amanda has been working very hard these last few weeks. She has been in the nursery every service, teaching Sunday School, cooking for snacks after church, entertaining guests at our house, helping with the cleaning at our current meeting location, and keeping up with all her other duties. I am trying to work her hard because she will be leaving all the work to me for a good part of May. She is taking a short trip back to the US with Josiah to get schooling supplies for this next year. Please pray for their safety and our survival!

Your prayers are appreciated as we press forward here. This is normally the most busy time of year for us, but this year has outdone all the others by far. Yet, we are thrilled because of the people God has put in our pathway. Visits, sermon preparation, Bible studies, website work, songbooks, construction, translation, housework, taxes, bills, and everything else will fall into place as we put Christ first in our lives. Thank you for your prayers!

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Over the next few months, we will be posting pictures and videos of the construction on our website. I will try to keep you informed during this exciting time for us.

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