

Hello everyone,

I pray that all of you are doing well and with great expectation to the return of our Lord!!!

We have been in Brazil for almost two months. The weather in the first month was very warm and then, the temperature dropped by an average of 16 Celsius, which we enjoyed very much. The fresh and cool winds, reminded us of the Canadian autumn. Furthermore, we had many visits in our first days, meeting with our siblings, children, and grandchildren. Gina's Mom who is 89 years old rejoiced to see her daughter again, and they have been together many times (she lives with her son in the capital, about 150 km from us.) Meanwhile, I have been preaching almost every week, getting the chance to meet



new believers and church leaders in the state of São Paulo.

About three weeks ago, a fellow church leader invited us to share the word in their leadership meeting. There were over a hundred people, mostly pastors. This brother has such a great heart for the Lord, and he oversees about 28 churches in the region with such a father's heart.

These congregations are situated in poor areas; however, he never gives up on



them, making much effort to keep the places of worship open. They will start a theological and discipleship training in the place we had in Brazil (see pictures above). This place had served the YWM for six months, to host a family who is heading to South Africa in July; therefore, this new ministry will carry on this training center after their departure.

There is also a project during the month of July with The Way of Grace Church.

We will use their facility for an ESL course prepared last year by my friend Glenn Renice while we were in Canada. Gina and I will be teaching to reach out to young people in Taubaté, a town with over 300 thousand people in the interior of São Paulo. There is a great desire among teens and young adults to learn



English, and we are praying that this could be a door for us to share the gospel as well. In the same church, we will start a Sunday morning service in July in both languages, expecting the students to attend this translated service. (Usually, church services in Brazil are in the evenings; therefore, in the morning the buildings are available.)

I am also sending resources for Pastor Adailton. He is my cousin and is pastoring

a church in the state of Ceará, in Acaraú, a city of 63 thousand people (northeast of the country, about 3000 km from São Paulo). He had asked us for help to supply theological material for his congregation. Adailton is a very faithful man of God and very zealous for the work of the Lord. Through these courses, he is teaching young leaders in his church, and they are



very excited with the training they are receiving as they grow in knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



We sent 100 Bibles in Kinyarwanda language to Rwanda. Pastor Gatungo distributed the Holy Scriptures to the church's members, who rejoiced to have the Lord's words

Last week we also had the privilege of sending one hundred Bibles to Africa. This group of Christians had built a place of worship with much enthusiasm and of course many challenges as well. Most of their members

couldn't afford to have a Bible, and the pastor had asked me for help. I called the American Bible Society who intermediates with the Rwanda Bible Society, and last Sunday the brethren received their much-wanted treasure. Addressing literature, we bought a printer, and soon we will start printing out tracts and distributing them as a way to share the gospel. We don't know when we might go to other parts of the country, as we are staying in this state at least until August. My cousin had asked me to visit his church in Ceará and to meet church leaders in his town as



well. We are praying about these trips. The spiritual situation in Brazil is very tense as the country is facing a very difficult time due to elections for the senate, congress, and presidency scheduled for October. The country had suffered much with corruption on a very high scale for decades, however, in the past three years the present leader has kept his government without any scandal and of course, he had found many enemies. His wife is a faithful Christian, and he is a guardian of Christian values. The situation reminds me of Daniel's struggles against corrupt government leaders in Babylon, who tried all they could to get rid of the prophet.

Unfortunately, such problem had reached many countries in South America. The latest examples are Venezuela, Argentina, and Chile. These nations, which used

to be stable and prosperous, are facing a terrible situation. Currently many of our fellow brethren are struggling to survive as they suffered under the oppression of Marxists rulers, who are mostly professed



anti-Christianity. Latin America is in need of much prayer, from the saints as we were told in the Scriptures "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Please, pray for the items I mentioned in this report, including pastors Adailton, Savio, Gatungo, Roberto, the missionaries João, Midian, and their two children who are heading to South Africa. Pray for the Brazilians and Latin Americans church leaders to keep the sound doctrine and to preach the word with boldness. Pray that these plans for the English course and morning services in July will bear much fruit. Pray for the Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro and his wife Michelle. Pray that the doors will be open for us to share the gospel and that the enemy's attack would not succeed against us. Pray that we be bold to share the message in the Lord's field.

- ✓ "A great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." I Corinthians 16:9
- \checkmark "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mount, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." Ephesians 6: 19
- ✓ "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" Matthew 9: 37-38

May the Lord fill your hearts with love, faith, hope, joy, peace and would supply every need you might have

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