



God bless you in serving the Lord where you are. Our God deserves all the honor and glory; for all that we have opportunity to do is by His grace and mercy. We pray you are doing well. We are sending out this update to let you know what the Lord has been doing in the Southern part of Brazil and what He continues to do and the work He is preparing. Keep fired up in the Lord! We would like to first give you an update on our brother in Christ Rafael. You may remember from the past report that he was studying at a preaching school in Campo Grande and that he also had helped us in Porto Alegre the last time the church of Christ from Daingerfield was on their mission trip. Rafael now has graduated from the school and has been working as an inter for the church in Niteroi, Brazil, which is located near Rio de Janeiro. God gave me the opportunity to talk to him a couple of weeks ago and he is doing fine and doing a great job. The missionaries there and the church have also now decided to have him work as the full-time evangelist/preacher for the church in Niteroi. He has already started and is doing great. He is also planning to be married by the end of the year to a sister from the congregation. Be praying for Rafael, his work, his family, and that he continues to walk humbly in the Lord daily.

We are also excited to let you know that the church in Zona Sul has finished all their reforms and have already had a special inauguration with the new building. They all came in their Sunday best and celebrated the day with a fellowship meal. Josue spoke on the theme of "building the church, not the building", and they also recognized brothers who had given their time and efforts over the years. It was a joyous day as the pictures can tell.



The inauguration took place on the 1st of September 2019. The church continues to grow and pray that the Lord continue to bless them as they strive to honor and glorify Him in all they do. Giovanni was baptized this past year and



Robinson in the photo is the one I asked at one time "Are you fired up" and he looked straight at me and said NO many years ago. By the grace of God, he is now Fired Up in the Lord and for the Lord! Our prayer is that many more will come to know the Lord through the efforts of the church at Zona Sul and all of you who have partnered over the years

The church in Agronomia has been working hard since the purchase of the property at their present location. They have been working on the remodeling to the church building through their contributions in being self-supporting and self-sustaining. They now have a children's room sufficient to hold them and for future growth. They have already reformed a new kitchen area and removed the classrooms that were in the building where they meet for worship to accommodate future growth and to hold seminars and lectureships. We were blessed to see Guilherme and Karyn Castello here in Daingerfield as they were traveling. It was a blessing to get to see them and to have some time with them. They are doing well and continue that the Lord to watch over them in their new life together. The church in Agronomia is excited about seeing our brothers and sisters from Daingerfield Lord willing at the end of July. Agronomia continues maintaining their monthly couple's meetings and annual women's retreat. You may remember pictures of Juaneylla speaking at the last women's retreat they had this past year.



At this time of year, which is summer in Brazil. Most of Brazil shuts down for vacation in January and February and many families goes to the beach. Thankfully, even then, they find ways to be together for worship on Sunday together and have their time with the Lord. They generally meet in the house of one of the families on vacation since most of these regions have no congregations in the area.

We were also blessed in this last half part of the year to have some other friends from Brazil also visit. One of Ju's best friends, Raquel, came to visit us from Uberlandia. They have been friends for a long time after meeting each other at one of the women's retreats where Juaneylla was speaking. Raquel and another sister planted the church in the city of Uberlandia. It is great story to tell, but do not have time in this report. Raquel has been a wonderful friend and our girls love her and she loves to take care of them and see them. Ju will be speaking at a women's retreat in Belo Horizonte where they will be able to see each other. This was the first time for her in the United States and she enjoyed her trip and enjoyed the love, fellowship, and welcome that the church in Daingerfield gave her. She looks forward to coming again to visit and we look forward to seeing her.



We also had the opportunity to meet the Freire family. We met Adriano and Karoline. They are a great couple and were passing through on their journey here in the United States raising money for their work in Joao Pessoa Brazil. Adriano works with a church where I had the opportunity to preach at in Joao Pessoa also works with the AME, which is the same as the AIM program from Sunset Int'l Bible Institute, and works with Acapella ministries to teach and sing songs in Portuguese for the church in Brazil. Yes, they are keeping busy, they have a little boy (Benjamin) and recently just added to the family. We were very happy with the time we had with them and the good conversation. They are now back in Brazil and continue working for the Lord. There was a recent article in *Christian Chronicle* about Adriano and his ministry. Feel free to go to the website to see the article.

We certainly can not forget to share the news with you that Maikon and Tati had their first child. Joanna is her name. We are so happy for them. They have been praying for years for this day to come. We are also excited to share with you that the Lord has blessed them to secure most of their support already for

the work they are preparing to do in Florida to reach out to the Brazilian population and plant the church in Southern Florida. In fact, they will be staying here in Daingerfield in June and July while Ju and I and the girls will be on a reverse furlough to Brazil. They should be moving to Florida close to the end of the year. Be praying for them and may the Lord bless them and guide them as they continue praying for others to join them on this mission. They will be graduating from Harding University this May from the Bible program.



We will be visiting with a couple from Brazil at the end of this month from the church in Joao Pessoa. The Meneze's family. They were here with us a couple of years ago and we had the opportunity to visit and look forward to the is opportunity. Raniere Menezes is the director of the AIM program in Brazil and they are very good friends of ours.

We are thankful that even here in Daingerfield our connections to Brazil continue to be strong. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to receive those who have passed through here that gives us the opportunity to speak Portuguese and enjoy fellowship. Ju and the girls will be going at the end of May to visit family and Ju will also be speaking at a National Women's Retreat. I will, Lord willing, be arriving in mid-June and will have the opportunity along with Ju and the girls to visit family, speak in the cities of Curitiba, Florianapolis, and finally reaching Porto Alegre preparing for the mission team from Daingerfield to come while visiting our brothers and sisters from the South. We ask for your prayers as we prepare for this summer mission work in Brazil. Once again, we thank you how you have loved us, prayed for us, and supported us while our time in Brazil and this precious partnership to see the gospel spread. We are forever thankful to you for the sacrifice you made for the time we lived and worked as missionaries in Brazil. For this, we are eternally thankful.

As far as our family; the Lord has been good. I am now walking for the first time in my life without any pain in my back, the year long recovery for my feet continues to super cede the doctors expectations and for this we are thankful to

the Lord. I am also walking upright and no longer on the sides of my feet. This has been a great victory. Ju continues impacting Brazil, speaking to women here in Northeast Texas, and helping with the children and couples. Deborah will be finishing up her sophomore year at Harding in May. Her major is Child Health Science and she is loving it. Barbara is finishing up her Junior year of High School, which means being a Senior is upon us. She plans to attend Harding. Continue praying for them and for us as the transitions in life continue. May we strive to honor the Lord in all we do.

Keep fired up, your missionary partners,

Mark, Juaneylla, Deborah, and Barbara White



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