

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month started off with a two week visit from a friend, George Huffman, from the Fairlawn Church of Christ in Muncie, Indiana. While here, George was able to be a part of the many different works going on, but he really enjoyed being able to participate in several different Bible studies. George enjoyed himself so much that he plans to return again next year!



Speaking of Bible studies, all of the church leaders have studies going on, and over the past several weeks we have had the opportunity to attend Bible studies on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights with these men. It has been a real blessing for us to participate in these studies, and it has helped prepare us for the work that God has planned for us in Campina Grande.



Speaking of the church leaders, every Monday the men come together to talk about what has happened in the past week and what their plans are for the present week. After the meeting, several of us play basketball together. What makes this so special is that we play with some of the people we have Bible studies with. Also, we have a devotional once everyone has arrived.



We continue to get more excited as time quickly approaches for our move to Campina Grande! During a trip there looking for apartments, Lee and I went to the Federal Police to ask about the status of my permanent resident card.

While conversing, the men asked what we did, and we told them we were missionaries. They excitedly responded, "Oh, you are the team that is coming here to start a church! We are planning to attend church with you!" Isaias (is-i-e-as), who is a Christian that works with these men, had told them about the team coming! It seems that every month we encounter new people that are anxious for our arrival! God is preparing the fields in Campina Grande for harvest!

We went to renew Lee's visa in Recife, which is 2 hours south of where we are in Joao Pessoa. We had worked in Recife over the past 2 years, so naturally we keep in contact with friends there. While there, Lee organized a Bible study with some of the women she has studied with in the past (left). Lee hopes to train some of the women to carry on the studies without her.



On a sad note, we have run across a problem with our little friend Lydia. There are some areas that it is not safe for Americans to go into, so Lee made a plan to take a friend, Mara, and go to visit Lydia in her home and take her a food basket (right). They did not make it very far into the area where Lydia lives before they met Lydia's aunt and uncle.

Lee found that Lydia is actually living with her aunt and uncle, and that the aunt and uncle are both into drugs. One of the guards at the mall has known Lydia and her family for years, and he confirmed that Lydia lives with them because her mother had died, and her father is bed ridden.

We are not sure what to do about this situation. We are concerned that by giving money to Lydia, her uncle will buy drugs with it. We are also concerned that by giving pre-packaged food, her aunt will sell the food to buy drugs. But Lydia and her siblings need food. So this is a very sad situation that only God can handle. Please say a special prayer for Lydia.

Please continue praying:

1. For God to continue to bless the work in Recife and Joao Pessoa
2. For God to bless the future plans in Campina Grande
3. For all the work and efforts to glorify God
4. For God to help us in our search for support

With the Love of Christ,
Danny and Lee Bratcher