

Light for Brazil



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Work Side

The last week of August we spent training with Nilton Barretto, a Brazilian evangelist from Salvador, Brazil. Nilton has successfully used the course "Deixe a Biblia Falar" (Let the Bible Speak) for years to teach the gospel in Salvador. Thanks to our year of Portuguese study, we were able to spend 7-8 hours per day learning from Nilton with additional meal time and travel time conversations. As an added blessing, we trained at our Brazilian



brother Valdir's house in nearby Marituba four hours each day so he could learn to teach the course as well. Training and sharing meals together was a huge blessing to us, and I believe has given us an excellent tool to reach the Brazilian culture effectively with the gospel!

The weekend before Nilton arrived, our team went out to meet with the church in Marituba. Nick preached and I led a devotional thought for the Lord's Supper, and I believe the church was edified! Since we had been meeting in Portuguese for some months, both of us were much more prepared than we had been in the past. Once each month the church in Marituba meets in the morning and shares a potluck meal. Since we meet in the evening, we plan to meet with them regularly at this time.



The first Saturday in September, Nick and I are beginning a small group to which we will invite all our contacts from the past year. Nick will host the study, and we will co-lead the group. Each week we will challenge the group to "see Jesus clearly" as we study through the gospel of Mark. Please pray for those who will attend the group that their hearts might receive the message well! Please also pray for the visitors we had to our Sunday assemblies this past month: Jair, Shanelle, Gledi and Gugu.



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August was full of memories. In adjusting to the addition of Evelyn to our family, Melissa and I often reflect on what a blessing our children are and how much joy they bring to our lives each and every day.

Evelyn passed the two month milestone, and she is holding her head up, smiling all the time and starting to hit at things with her hands. She also loves to



wear shoes so she can look down at them, and tries to talk all the time which mostly I think sounds like "I love you, daddy." Melissa is skeptical and believes it is just chatter, but either way she sure is trying hard!

Josiah is becoming more outgoing and less shy around Portuguese speaking people, and he loved our visit to the church in Marituba again this month. During our first



year, he would often hide behind our legs when we talked to adults in Portuguese, but when Nilton came to visit, Josiah seemed as though he had known Nilton his whole life! He has also been playing more with his peers and trying to communicate; we hope this will translate into language learning for him as well.



Josiah: "she is sad because she wants a dinosaur!" So, he gave her one.



We could not be preaching the gospel here without you, your partnership and your prayers! You're making a difference, and we are honored to serve King Jesus together with you in this place.

Sure enough, she smiled!



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