

Hello dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God bless you all as summer is now upon us! Keep fired up in the Lord! We are doing well and would like to share with you what has been going on in Brazil since our last report. God is good! Co-vid has not stopped the ability for the gospel to spread in Brazil and we praise God for how He continues to work on the hearts of men and women through His Word. Ju and I are doing well here in Daingerfield, and it has been a blessing to us. It is also a blessing that we are able to continue in contact in Brazil and participate in various events online. We know our partnership in the gospel with you began now many years ago and glad to see the Lord continues to bless the work in Brazil and pray He continues until the day our Lord comes to take us to our eternal home.

In this report, we would like to highlight what the Lord is doing through couples that we have encouraged while in the Southern part of Brazil to continue to reach others for Christ in other parts of Brazil as well as abroad. Why? Because their stories are part of your story in Brazil through our partnership in the gospel. God be forever praised!!!

In our last report, we talked about Maikon and Tati preparing for the mission field in Florida after his graduation and time here in Daingerfield. We are thankful for the time we had with Maikon and Tati while here in Daingerfield. Because of Co-vid, they were able to stay a bit longer and spent time with our sponsoring congregation before their move to Florida. They are now living and working for the Lord in the southern part of Florida in Coconut Springs, FL. They were also blessed to team up with two other missionary couples to work in this area to reach both Spanish and Portuguese speaking souls in the area along with those who speak English. They are also awaiting another Brazilian couple that is in the process of moving to the area to be part of the team. We can see the Lord working. They have been using “Let’s Start Talking” material to reach out to those around them and through this have been able to create many opportunities for Bible studies. They have also been receiving various church groups coming to do short term mission work to help them in the church plant.



Ju and I had the opportunity to visit with them this month and it was a great blessing. We were received with much hospitality by Maikon, Tati, and Joanna as well as the church family. God gave me the opportunity to preach at a combined service both in Spanish and Portuguese. Mauricio, one of the missionaries from Uruguay, translated for me. The topic preached on was from Romans 12:11 “Never be lacking in zeal’. We also met a congregation from Tennessee that was helping them that week with a



Vacation Bible School. Maikon and Tati continue in their process for their residence since it has been elongated because of Co-vid; Lord willing now they have received information from Immigration that their case is now in process once again and praying that soon all will be confirmed. Thankfully, they have done everything according to the law and regulations. Please be praying for them as they reach out to the Brazilian community in the area. In our visit, we felt like we were in Brazil by all the stores, banks, restaurants, etc. where you could only hear Portuguese being spoken by everyone you came in contact within the region. There is a very large Brazilian population in the area and now Maikon and Tati are being able to reach out to them.



Our brother in Christ, Rafael, who was going to be an intern in Rio the last time we sent out a report is now one of the full-time evangelists for the congregation. The missionaries in Niteroi loved to see his desire, sincerity, and love for God to propagate the gospel. Rafael also met Cristiane from the congregation and they were married at the beginning of the year. We are excited for both and pray that the Lord bless them as a couple as they serve the congregation in Niteroi. In the last report, I shared his letter that he had written thanking you all for your prayers and partnership in the gospel because of the partnership we have had over the years. God is



good and God's story continues. Amen. Rafael has also been taking care of the digital side throughout the pandemic for the congregation.



Leonel and Vanete, who have you known throughout the years in our reports, are serving in Ponto Grosso now alongside Roberto and Marisa Signoretti and Rui and Nadia Diogo, whom we worked with in our early years here in Brazil. They have been living in this city now for two and a half years and the Lord has blessed the work tremendously in this region. Praise God all are focused on spreading the Word and have not let the pandemic slow them down in spreading the message of the Good News. The church in this city is already meeting together on Sundays for a while and they have studies throughout the week. Each missionary couple has been taking care of a certain area of the city.



Continue praying for them as one couple plans to move in August. The work they that Leonel and Vanete planted in Campo Grande, MS continues to grow, and people are coming to Christ. This is a testament to the work of planting and watering they have done as the Lord gives the increase. All their children are now married, and they have two granddaughters now. Leonel also sends out a daily devotional in audio to the brethren.

As far as us, our plans were to be in Brazil this summer, but because of some restrictions at the time we tried purchasing and that Brazil had been put on a do not fly list for a time that has been changed. Lord willing, we will be able to visit the work in Brazil this next summer along with a mission team from Daingerfield

coming at the end of July. We are thankful though that we were able to go and encourage Maikon and Tati in the mission work in Florida. God though continues to give Ju and I opportunities to serve the church in Brazil.

Juaneylla continues as part of Brazilian women's group that meets weekly on Mondays on-line. They meet for a time of prayer and time in God's Word. Ju has had many opportunities to speak to women in different groups in Brazil. She also participates in a weekly group on Thursdays and is often sought after to speak at other times during the week in other moments.



We praise God for these opportunities He has given her to use her gifts to encourage and build up women in Christ and still reaching out to others to hear the gospel. She has also gotten to speak at a weekly national meeting held on YouTube and Facebook called "Women's Fellowship church of Christ". They also surprised Ju on the show with short video clips of her family in Brazil. It was a very encouraging and emotional moment.

As for me, the Lord has given me the opportunity to serve by preaching for Agronomia and Zona Sul online and participating in Bible class on Tuesday nights. AS was stated earlier; I am participating with Maikon on a weekly Thursday broadcast. A few weeks ago, I had been asked to speak about our time in Brazil and what the Lord had done and is doing in the Southern part of Brazil. It was an interview like show online for about two hours and it was great to remember many of the things the Lord had done over the years. The title of their show that week was "Voce esta feliz?" which when translated means "Are you fired up". It was a great opportunity for all of Brazil to see what the Lord is doing in and has done in Rio Grande do Sul. All to His Glory!



Barbara graduated from High School this month and is planning to attend Harding in the Fall. She is planning to major in kinesiology and then on to physical therapy. Continue praying for her in this new step in life and for us as well as we truly be empty nesters for the first time. Deborah is now a Senior at Harding University and will be graduating next year Lord willing in Child Life Sciences. She loves this area to work in and pray that the Lord will bless her as she begins the search for jobs over the next year in this area. She will help kids and parents when they find out that their child had been diagnoses with some kind of disease or illness. Ju and I just celebrate our 22nd wedding anniversary and we praise God for His grace and mercy and all your prayers for us over the years. Please continue to pray for us to continually grow in our relationship with one another and in the Lord. We pray that any opportunity we have in Tennessee we can come and visit now that the pandemic seems to be alleviating things for all to meet together. We are sincerely thankful for the prayers, love, and support given us while living and working in Brazil and your continued prayers and love for us always and support in different ways. They are a blessing and encouragement to us.

Keep fired up in the Lord, your partners in Christ,

Mark, Juaneylla, Deborah, and Barbara White

