

## **Brazil Mission Update from Mark & Ju White Jan-Jun 2023**

*God's blessing to you, Keep fired up!*



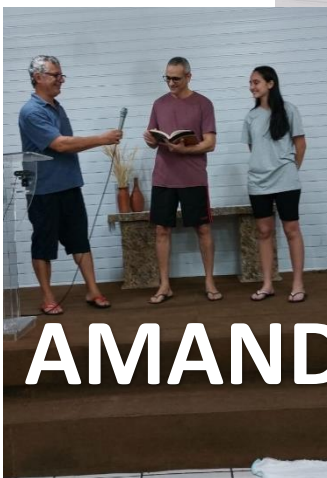
*We are so thankful to our God to let you know what the Lord continues to do through our partnership in the gospel. We know we are here now, but we continue seeing the impact of what was started through many prayers, much love, and prayer without ceasing. It is great to see how the Lord works in all things to His glory.*

*This past April of 2023 Ju had the opportunity to visit the work in Brazil in Porto Alegre where we lived and in Uberlandia. She was invited to two women's meetings in each state that these cities are located in. In the state of Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre) the sisters had a retreat in Gramado. ENFESUL is the name of the women's national retreat which means "National Women's Meeting in the South". The theme this year was "Flourishing in Every Season". Ju had the opportunity to speak at both of these events. Her sister Joyce was able to attend in Uberlandia. There were 130 women present in Uberlandia and 100 (20 visitors) women present in Gramado. All were encouraged to continue to live their lives for the Lord in all seasons of life. Ju went to visit her other sister whose son had just had a tumor removed from his liver. The tumor was almost 9 pounds. Praise God it came back benign the results. Here are some pictures on the next couple of pages from these events.*

# UBERLÂNDIA



# ENFESUL 2023 GRAMADO



# AMANDA'S BAPTISM



*This past year in July of 2022 Ju and I had the opportunity together to visit the churches in Rio Grande do Sul. It was our first time back after Co-vid and the mission trip was a blessing. One of the great things was to meet our new brothers and sisters in Christ who have come to the Lord after we moved back here. What a great blessing to see the congregations growing. Each weekend we visited a different congregation and during the week visiting brothers and sisters from each congregation as well as Bible studies and conducting Couple's Meetings, Ladies meetings, and men's meetings. It was great to be able to preach and teach in Portuguese. We stayed at an Airbnb and were able to receive visits there.*



Tiago's baptism

Church in Novo Hamburgo



Church in Agronomia



Church in Zona Sul



New Auditorium



We were blessed by the Lord to have time to visit in homes of our brothers and sisters. The first day we arrived in Porto Alegre we visited Didio and Valeria's at Cantao, where the church in Agronomia started. We were greeted very warmly and lovingly. It was a great start to a blessed trip. Here is a couple of pictures from that first night.



One of the places where many Bible studies took place while in Porto Alegre Niamao was here at this mechanic's shop. Didio, whose home received us the first night, owns the place and many people who either worked there or came and had their cars worked on had the opportunity to study God's Word.



Ju had the opportunity to visit with the women's committee that were preparing for the Ladies retreat that

would happen next year. Great to have a blessing of motivated sisters and friends.

You may have noticed people wearing jackets because June/July are winter months in Brazil. Particularly here, we have temps that get down close to freezing. There was a cold front that came through while we were there, but the warm hearts were bigger. As you can see in this picture that the cold did not stop us from smiling and enjoying time together at the house of Lauro and Lorena. Milton and Janina were baptized a couple of years ago and just recently had twins. Be praying for them. This group here at their house has had many come to the Lord.



We also received many at the apartment where we were staying and such a great blessing to have many who came to visit us here as well. In the third picture here below, we had the opportunity to visit with Leonel and Vanete, long time friends, since moving from Viamao, they have planted two congregations in Campo Grande, one in Ponta Grossa, and just recently moved back to Campo Grande area to plant a

congregation in one of the cities nearby. It was a great visit and continue praying for them in their ministry in mission.



The one blessing that came from Co-vid was the opportunity to more actively participate online in studies and devotionals online as well as worship with brothers and sisters in Brazil. Ju and I both had been given opportunities to speak at certain programs on-line and truly has been a blessing for Ju to be able to continue active with the women in Brazil. In fact, we recently had a lady's day here in Daingerfield and the theme was the same as that used in Brazil. It was a blessing here with over one hundred sisters in attendance.



Ju will be having an opportunity later this year to be part of a group of women going to participate in a retreat/week given for women missionaries that are actively on the field. Continent of Great Cities calls this "Connections" Ju had



participated as a missionary in the past, as well as me in the Men's Connections that would happen every other year; now she has the opportunity to give back to help encourage and teach those who are now on the field. Be praying for her and the team of women that will be going to Sao Paulo to serve.



As far as family news, Ju and I are doing well and getting accustomed to empty nest since both girls are now in college. The girls have been keeping busy as well. Deborah graduated this past year from Harding in May of '22 and is now working on her masters in Clinical Mental Health care for children. Barbara is in her third year of college as a junior and is working towards her degree in physical therapy. This next year the girls will be living together in an apartment at Harding. Please continue your prayers for them as they continue to grow. As far as missions, Barbara went this past year went a mission trip from Harding to Cozumel to work at an orphanage/children's place and here in a couple of weeks will

be going to Canada for a two-week mission through Harding. Deborah went a couple of years ago to New Zealand and Fiji on missions from Harding. We were blessed they were still able to go with us this past year to Brazil to visit the work and family. My father passed away this past year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, so he is on my heart and mind at this time. Ju's nephew had a tumor taken out of his liver that was life threatening and praise God they were able to get all of it out and it was benign.

Praise God for all He continues to do in Brazil, and we know that the Lord has used our partnership in the gospel to touch the lives of many and we look forward to the day to see just how much the Lord has done through His grace and mercy. We thank you again for your prayers and love over these many years and Lord willing the next time we have opportunity we will be able to visit and talk face to face. God's blessing!



Keep fired up in the Lord, Your missionaries at heart,  
Mark, Juaneylla, Deborah, and Barbara White