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MISSIONARIES SERVING IN SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

An Extension of the World Wide Mission Ministry of The

**CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Dear Prayer Partners,

June 30, 2017

Greetings from Brazil. May brought us Mother's Day here in Brasil with good services and many mothers present. It is as important holiday here as in the states. Also in May we had a visitor that was presented to the church by one of the seminary students. He is a salesman and she was one of his clients which he had the privilege of winning to the Lord. Since the church where he is a member is 7 miles from ours she felt it would be a burden for him and his family to come all the way to pick her up to take her to church and thus asked if there was a church close to where she lived. Thus they came one Sunday morning to visit. Arianna and her two children Eduarda and Miguel, and her mother Santa have been coming since that time. We plan in the next few days to start her on a discipleship program. Please pray for the continued growth in the Lord of Arianna. The reason for the delay was our trip to Recife to participate in Pr. Samuel's wedding.

In June we have our Valentine's Day. Celebrated just like in the states but with one exception, if you're an American you get the privilege to celebrate it twice a year. As I afore mentioned, we also went to Recife to be in a wedding and to take a small vacation. It was an eye opener as to the damage a missionary can do when they refuse to assimilate the culture. Many of the Brazilians we met had been greatly mistreated by an American missionary who had been there in years past. He had been racist, would not go to their homes, would not eat their food, sent his daughter back to the states because she developed a friendship with a Brazilian young man who was not white. Needless to say he had left a bad taste in their mouths for any American, missionary or not. Thankfully, this missionary is no longer in Brazil. It is easy to see why the expression "Ugly American" came about. Fortunately Pr. Samuel had convinced those whom we met that I was not anything like this other missionary and to give me a chance. As a result we returned to São Paulo with many new friends and reasons to return to Recife other than to visit some of Atalias' aunts and cousins. One Brazilian pastor, who had suffered much at the hands of this missionary, stated to me and Pr. Samuel after I had preached at his church that I was born there in the northeastern part of Brasil kidnapped to the states to be raised and was now back where I belong, that I was not an American, but a "Nordestino". Thankfully we made a difference in the minds of many while there because they have informed us that they are already making plans for us to return next year to preach an Evangelistic Conference.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us financially and/or prayerfully through the years. The churches in Jardim Varginha and Vargem Grande are here today because you prayed and invested in God's work. Please continue to pray with us that we will continue to see an even greater Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2017.

Thankfully Received

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