



## THE DUARTES MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

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Dear Prayer Partners,

**There is a church about four hours away that is now without a pastor and has been really struggling. We wanted to do all we could to help them and have been traveling every other week to hold a service there. After Jed preaches, he then flies us back in time to have an evening service at the church in Alta Floresta. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for renewed strength and for God to provide a pastor to shepherd this dear Flock in Guaranta.**

**Our Board's General Director, Jeremy Lockhart and his wife Esther, came to visit us earlier this month. Our spirit's were refreshed by their presence and our hearts uplifted by their sweet fellowship. They are former missionaries in Brazil and understand the often unspoken battles missionaries face. They were so kind to offer us a date night—the first we've enjoyed in several years! Having Mrs. Lockhart come to encourage Gloria was a great blessing. What a balm to our souls to have humble, gracious, and godly leaders as co-laborers with us.**

Recently, several church members have willingly stepped up to assist in the ministry. Once a month we have church-wide canvassing in the neighborhoods near the church. **How encouraging it's been to see the members excited to participate in reaching their "Jerusalem."** The teens are especially eager to help and always joyful to get involved. We've been averaging about 20 kids at our Saturday morning Bible Club. Following a recent Bible Club time, **two guys trusted Jesus as their Savior.**

At a typical Sunday service, at least **half of those in attendance are under the age of eighteen. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to reach young people with the Word of God!** While some may see a noisy, energetic group of kids, we see **tomorrow's church leaders.** While others may just see a handful of teens from very unstable homes, **we see young people who love JESUS and are not ashamed to live for Him!** The growth may seem slow and the fruit still young, but we are **thankful for the opportunity to invest in the next generation for the glory of God. Children mattered to Jesus. May we never view them as a burden, but rather as one of the most important ministries entrusted to us.**

Gratefully your Missionaries,

Jed, Gloria, Eliana, & Juliana

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