

The Duartes Missionaries to Brazil

Dear Prayer Partners, January 9, 2024

We hope you are all doing well and have had a good start to this new year! Each Saturday morning at 10AM, finds us busy teaching a **Kid's Bible Club.** When we began the Club one month ago, only two girls came the first week. There's been steady growth and last Saturday **eleven children were in attendance!** They were all enthusiastic to participate in singing, memorizing scripture, and inviting their friends to learn from God's Word. **Pray for these dear children and that they would understand the Gospel and trust Jesus for salvation.**

In November, Jed and an airplane mechanic friend worked many hours to get some needed maintenance completed on the airplane. The plane passed a thorough inspection for which we were so very thankful.

Thank you for praying for the visit with Jed's sister and her husband. It was a special time of fellowship and ministering together. They were able to see a real/unscripted view of our lives here and get a glimpse into the culture which places a priority on relationships rather than money or time. While Stephen and Jeni were with us, we met and had lunch with a married couple. They have since been faithfully attending church services. Please pray for their salvation.

Many churches here canceled services on Christmas Eve and we were honestly wondering if we'd made a mistake in scheduling the small **Church Christmas Program** for that evening. As 7PM rolled around, people began arriving and that night we had a total of **40 people in attendance!** Many folks came who had never been to church before. We are so thankful they all heard the story of the Savior, Jesus, coming to earth so that men, women, boys and girls might be saved!

Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for communicating with us. Thank you for visiting us. Perhaps you have prayed for us and we never knew. Though your investment in the ministry here may appear unknown, your prayers are known to our All-Knowing, ever-caring God.

Your Missionaries in Brazil,

Jed, Gloria, Eliana, and Juliana Duarte