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Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Continue. That is the word we want to focus on this year. We want to continue in our calling, continue in His steps, and continue propagating the Gospel here in Brazil.

We are praising the Lord for our most recent Bible studies and visits. We have seen God working in the lives of all of those involved. There is no other explanation for what is happening other than the power of prayer. Sheri and I study, show up, and teach God's Word like we always have done, and God is shining His Light into these people's hearts and lives. Praise the LORD!

I messaged a new family in Sao Joaquim last night and am trying to set up a time to visit with them. The wife is blind and the husband is in a deep depression. They have a special needs son and are truly struggling. I ask for your prayers as I attempt to minister to them and involve them in our new Bible study groups. We have faced such strong spiritual opposition in this city that our biggest need is prayers for protection and liberty.

I also am in contact with another family in a city called Correia Pinto which is in the opposite direction of Lages and Sao Joaquim. I am trying to schedule a visit there and things look positive. In the meantime, we have been passing out tracts, visiting, and holding services and Bible studies every week. Monday and Tuesday are the only days we don't have filled with studies, so we use this time to prepare and make visits in the city. Lages is filled to the brim with people that need the Gospel, but they are a closed and cold people, so we just keep bringing the Light of the Lord to them.

On February 21st we plan to have a gathering here at our farm. This will be a prime opportunity to set the stage for the coming months as far as our new groups are concerned. The goal is obviously to form a church, so this will be a step in that direction. There will be both saved and unsaved in attendance, so pray that we make some headway.

If you remember the relator that I led to Christ several months back, I ask that you pray for him. He has been struggling in his personal walk with the Lord. He and his wife attend a "church" that does not preach the Truth, so he has gotten confused. He doesn't understand why God isn't answering his prayers because the "health and wealth" preaching he has been under has given him a skewed perspective of God. I am pointing him towards the Scripture, but the battle has continued in his mind. Please pray for Marinho.

This prayer letter is truly one where we are writing to beg for prayer. It is the only thing that is going to make a lasting difference in our ministry here. Don't underestimate the power of your prayers for us. You have kept us going and we are so thankful. There are just so many people to reach, and we need all the prayers we can get for strength. We strive to continue and hope you will as well.

In the Service of the Savior,

Mark and Sheri Edwards