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THE EDWARDS FAMILY BRAZIL

Dear Praying Friends,

Honestly, I do not know where to begin this month's prayer letter. So much has happened that it will be hard to summarize all that our Wonderful God has done here in Brazil.

At the beginning of July, we had a combined study with all of our new groups. We met in São Joaquim in a house that is filled with occult symbols and idols. I had everyone write down what a person has to do to be allowed to enter Heaven. Not only did this exercise cause them to think, but it pointed out areas that I need to go more in depth about in the future. Several people were under conviction, and they began asking question after question. We were all over the Bible as I showed them what God had to say. It was amazing to watch the Holy Spirit at work.

The following week, Amelia ran a VBS for our church in Lages and the Christians in our new groups came down to help. It was a fantastic time to see what leadership qualities some of them had. We were expecting 8 the first night but wound up with almost 30. Praise the LORD! Amelia did a great job at sharing the Gospel each night. God blessed the entire meeting, and we were able to get into new homes because of Amelia's willingness to hold this VBS. Hallelujah!

The very next week, one of the ladies from São Joaquim called Sheri and was very distraught. She had been under conviction since our study, and she felt like her entire world was coming apart. Sheri and I drove up there to talk with her while Amelia took the children in their room to share the Gospel with them. While Sheri and I witnessed to Aline and walked her through the Scripture, Amelia was being hit head on with the enemy. Unbeknownst to us, Aline's daughter, Theodora, had been secretly reading and studying the occult. She is 11 years old. Every Scripture that Amelia shared was countered by this little girl with outright demonic responses. In the living room, Aline was bowing her head and receiving Christ as her Savior, but in the children's room, Amelia was battling it out with the devil. She stood firm and God gave her words and verses to say as she spoke the Truth until Theodora was silenced. Her younger brother sat and listened to it all while an idol used in Candomblé was sitting on the shelf beside him.

We praised God for helping Aline see the Truth and place her faith in Jesus Christ, but we also went home that night with heavy hearts for the children and the husband. We went back in a few days to hold another Bible study in their home and Aline shared her testimony. Her husband, Felipe, listened, and then said he had a lot to think about and asked me where he should read in the Bible that week to help him with his questions. I told him to read the book of Colossians. He said he had searched his whole life for the correct path to God, so I took him to John 14:6. A lightbulb came on, but he wanted to think about it. We prayed a LOT over this family and left their home asking God to do something in His power and in a way we could not.

This past Thursday, we drove back up there and met with them again. Felipe grabbed me as soon as I walked in and told me he was on his motorcycle driving home from work during the big storm, when he began to call out to God. He told God that he realized HE was the answer he had been searching for and as the rain pelted down on him, he repented and asked Jesus to save him. GLORY HALLELUJAH! As we sat down to the study, his daughter joined us and began to ask about how a person can call on the name of the Lord to be saved and how do they know if they did it right. I began to answer, but Felipe spoke up and shared his testimony and how simple it was to get saved. There was another unsaved couple present at the table that were amazed, but still not ready to trust Christ because they still have some catholic teachings in their heads about works and good deeds. If you will keep praying for Theodora, Joviana, and Del, I believe we will soon see them come to know our Savior as well.

Our church in Lages had a fellowship this past week as well that God blessed, and our other groups in Urupema and Paineal continue to move forward in their discipleship course. God has just blessed every group, and the Holy Spirit has been convicting hearts. It's been a GREAT month!

Thank you for praying for these people that you do not know. Thank you for giving faithfully so we can cover so many miles. We are seeing fruit after a long labor, so praise the Lord with us!

In the Service of the Savior,

Mark Edwards