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Dear Prayer Partners,

April 30, 2025

Greetings from Brazil. March started out with its annual celebration of Carnival which is the last big party before Easter. The United States equivalent is Mardi Gras celebrated the exact same days as Carnival, but not to the same extreme that Brazil goes to. The big emphasis is the competition between the Samba schools with each school trying to put on the best parade/performance to win the coveted prize of being the best school for that particular year. Each year has a different theme and unfortunately this year's theme was centered around a celebration of Candomblé. Candomblé is an African based religion of spiritism and deity worship. Thankfully, Carnival only lasts for a few days and not the whole month.

We finished out the month with a Couples encounter stressing biblical responsibilities for both the husband and wife towards each other and to GOD. We had four couples participating and are already making plans for our next encounter

April brought with us not only Easter and the usual activities, but also an extremely busy day. We started the day with a Sunrise Service at the church in Vargem Grande followed by a church breakfast before the Sunday School hour. However, due to the fact that Pr. Vicente being called out of town on urgent family business, Atalias and I, after breakfast, hurried over to the church in Jd. Varginha to conduct the Sunday School service there. While we were there, irmão Noé took care of and taught the Sunday School Service in Vargem Grande. All in all, it was a very good yet tiring day. Also during the month we had a return visit from a young lady who had attended our services as a young child but had grown and moved away. She was visiting her mother and had come by to see us and to have fellowship with us once again

All of us have probably been noting the signs around us indicating the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. One such sign is the increase in persecution. Of course, many of us have already experienced that in our own personal Christian lives. As such we would ask you to remember irmão Gabriel in prayer. Due to the hostility towards believers by his boss, irmão Gabriel was let go and is now driving a UBER vehicle to try to make ends meet. He worked in the field of technology. Please pray that he can find another job in this area so as to be able to better provide for his family.

Lastly we would ask that you pray for God to send more laborers into His field. We are asking GOD in particular for a couple with a calling to the ministry to not only help us in the work in Vargem Grande but also with the hope of one day becoming its new pastor. Their presence will also allow us to come home on furlough and report to our supporting churches. We know that GOD has a purpose in us delaying our furlough so in the mean time we will remain faithful to do the work to which He has called us.

Once again, as always, 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 see an even greater Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2025.

Thankfully Received

All Because of JESUS,

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