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Dear Prayer Partners,

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I Corinthians 9:16; "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Greetings from Brazil. Since her baptism in April, Brenda has become actively involved in the music ministry at the church in Vargem Grande. She is helping out by playing her guitar in the morning and evening services assisting irmão Noe with the music. This has been a real blessing to our people. Also it demonstrates her desire to serve the Lord with the talent that He has given her. Along with her sister Paloma, they both helped Atalias in preparing special gifts for the ladies at both of the churches for Mother's Day. Please continue to pray for them as they get more actively involved in ministry activities at the church.

After two years of waiting since I had cataract surgery on my right eye, SUS, the Brazilian Health Care Organization contacted me to have my left eye done. So on the 18th I had surgery on my left eye, and I have almost fully recovered from that surgery. Atalias was my personal chauffeur during the first week as I was not allowed to drive but things are now back to normal.

Last April, I mentioned about the bus accident that occurred with a church bus returning from an evangelism trip. Pr. Ebenesar, who was severely injured suffering a spinal injury underwent surgery for a ruptured disk. The surgery was successful, no paralysis, and is recuperating at home. In fact, he has been recovering so well that he is now back in his pulpit.

June started out with the both churches having a party for me commemorating my 40 years since arriving in Brzsil. Frankly speaking, it doesn't seem that long, but when you are doing the Lord's work, time does fly by quickly. Also, June has been a busy month with normal Brazilian cultural activities. While many non-Baptist churches promote Festa de Juninha, many, especially Baptist churches, do not. It is centered principally on the seasonal harvest of corn, beans, manioc and potatoes with many activities centered around this. Children, and sometimes adults dress up in traditional caipira costumes. A caipira is a cross between a farmer, hillbilly and red neck from earlier days. In the States, something similar would be an Old Fashion Day celebration at church. Although we don't dress up or do some of the other activities associated with this we do mark a day to get together to celebrate the harvest of corn by eating a lot of corn, both boiled and grilled. We do it each year to remind ourselves of Brazilian culture and heritage.

June also brought the World Cup of which when Brasil is playing the country literally shuts down until the game is over. Businesses, stores and shopping malls close so their employees can watch the game. Streets are deserted during the game but before and after is another story. If Brasil has a game on a Sunday during the hours of a church service, some non-Baptist churches have been known to change the hour of the service and in some cases cancel the service so their members can watch the game. Not much unlike the Super Bowl game in the states

Lastly, at this time we are unsure as to when we will be able to return home on furlough. Only when we find godly men to take over these churches as their pastors or assume responsibility until we return from furlough will we be able to come home 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. **Luke 10:2; "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."**

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 2026.

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All Because of JESUS,

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