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Dear Friends,

I am so thankful for the Lord's goodness and care. After **suspending my 2021 furlough travel plans as suggested by my Pastor**, I was encouraged to go ahead and visit my family. The Lord allowed me a refreshing time visiting my brothers and their families. My flight back had a few hiccups with canceled flights because of the Houston snowstorm and getting the timing right with the required Covid results—but I am back! I am very thankful that everything came together.

Our state in Brazil is back to a lockdown. For us, this means that restaurants, gyms, studios, and schools (all but the essentials) are closed and that the remaining open places have an 8:00 curfew. In-person church services are suspended this week, and we wait to hear when it will reopen again.

Meanwhile, before knowing a lockdown was before us, the church in Vila Nova was able to hold a three-day VBS and had ten to twelve children participate. A recent convert, Rita, and her two-year-old son came out each day. Rita placed her faith in the Lord this January, and she's been steadily working through Bible studies.

It has also been a blessing to see how God has blessed the unexpected "mechanics ministry." Around the end of September last year, the Lord led Pastor Nathan to find a mechanic for their unusually-sized vehicle. By faithfully witnessing, three men and one lady have been saved and were baptized this past month. Pastor Nathan continues his one-hour commute each week to teach the Bible chronologically to those who were saved and others who have come out to visit.

One of the ladies who began to visit the Bible study at the mechanic's shop is Karen, a lady who owned a market near the American consulate. Our first contact with her was when I met her at this market. We engaged in conversation, and I learned she was a believer, though not attending a local church. She was interested in staying connected and came out to a service in Vila Nova (about a 45-minute drive). I hadn't connected (and those who know me understand why, hahaha) that where she lives is actually *near* the Bible study Pastor Nathan was having at the mechanics. Karen has since participated in that Bible study and brought a friend as well. Please pray for her growth in the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers for us, particularly as we work through another adjustment with the recent Covid spike. Also, please pray for Amanda, Rafaela, and Naiara as I look at working with them individually to come alongside them in their growth and walk with the Lord. Thank you for faithfully praying!

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