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Dear Praying Friends,

Our turn came. This past month, my parents and I got Covid, and I began a mini-role as their "nurse." We were still in winter in August, and earlier in the month, **we had the tremendous privilege of having my brother Rafael and his family visit us.** It was a special eight days, and we had a wonderful time! They left and headed to visit his wife Susana's family, missionaries Bill and Susan Kieffer, in Goiás, Brazil. In the following days, my parents and I had symptoms (my dad had developed a significantly bad cough), and eventually, each of us tested positive. **Rafael and his family took the PCR test before heading back to the US, and all of them tested negative! We are so thankful for God's grace in their travels.**

The Lord directed us to a doctor who had significant experience with Covid patients. We paid for a video consultation, and she gave my parents a sequence of medicines for pre-ambulatory treatment. The x-rays we took showed that dad had 30% of his lungs compromised while mom and I had 5%. I put together a schedule for each parent's medication and daily gave saturation and temperature updates to our doctor. My dad was most affected, experiencing great fatigue and weakness, but his numbers were stable. Mom and I both had mild symptoms.

We were recommended a physical therapist and began home treatments. The Lord has been so good to us. He is well-qualified in his field, and my parents have continued to improve. In one of our conversations, he asked about the difference between Catholics and Baptists and listened as we shared the gospel. He accepted a Bible and a tract, and I suggested the Bible App for Kids for his 3-year-old son. His name is Dr. Luiz. Please pray for his salvation with us.

Once we cycled out of the virus, I was back at the pharmacy, taking care of picking up prescriptions. During one of these visits, leading out from a conversation regarding my accent, the pharmacist wanted to know why I was in Brazil when I could have chosen to live in the US. This is one of the most common questions I am asked, and I have answered it in different ways through the years. Currently, I like to get the person's name and say, "_____, I am here to tell you how much God loves you." It has worked as a lead-way into sharing the gospel. After talking some, the pharmacist said he had observed that Catholics often want to avoid talking about their faith. "But why should we," I responded, "when God wants us all to know what He had done for us?" Please pray for Daniel's salvation. He has reached out to Br. Mike about visiting an evening service and, Lord-willing, Br. Mike will also have an opportunity to share the gospel.

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Br. Mike, Tammy, and Sarah Ring also had Covid this past month with Br. Mike being the hardest hit. However, everyone has cycled out of the virus and is regaining energy and strength. Our services went online for at least two weeks, and we have recently resumed regular services again. This was not a typical month! But praise the Lord, ***all*** of us are doing well.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom
- Health - Parents, coworkers, and myself for continued improvement
- Salvation - Daniel, Dr. Luiz
- Bible studies/outreach - Rafaela (18-year-old), Carla (wife of the mechanic)

"Furlough Take Two"

Early this year, I ended coming back to Brazil instead of reporting to churches due to Covid.

My pastor feels that I can go ahead with planning my furlough. I will be reaching out to my supporters in the next couple of weeks to set up a day to share a report. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. I appreciate each of you that reached out as well

Representing you here in Brazil,
Tati Cordeiro

