

# Tatiana Cordeiro

Serving in Porto Alegre, Brazil



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Dear praying friends,

I have been back in Brazil for a little over a month – thank you for praying for my travels back to Brazil! I tested positive for Covid the day before traveling and needed to wait about a week before leaving the US. My parents and I arrived safely, and for that, we are grateful!

It's exciting to be plugged back in to the church plant in Vila Nova. My involvement here is essentially the following ministries: 1) children's ministry, 2) discipleship, 3) visits/outreach, and 4) music teaching and planning. Outside the church plant, I am also part of two planning ministries with other like-minded churches in our state. We have a girls ministry group called "Papo de Gurias," or "Girl Talk," and a teens/youth group called "Cojubasul: Conjunto de Jovens Batistas do Rio Grande do Sul" or "Baptist Youth in Rio Grande do Sul."

What's going on in these ministries?

## Children's Ministry

Tammy, my co-worker, asked that I start a Bible study for our teen girls. We are using the book *Lies Girls Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free* by Dannah Gresh. It's been a good tool to help them break down what Scripture is teaching and apply it to their hearts. We are eager to combat lies that begin at this young age. My girls are: Thayana (10), Inaye (E-ni-eh) (11), Emylly (13), and Clara (16).



## Discipleship

As my co-workers and I thought through the individuals that attend the church and who may need discipleship, we thought of Rita. When I left in February, Rita started a job and took classes at night. She is married and has a four-year-old child. After a few months, it's been harder for her to come out to services. So we started meeting, and we are working through a chronological Bible study. I appreciate your prayers for her—spiritual growth, faithfulness in services, and physical strength for the demands of her week.

## Outreach

The Gauchos take this month of September to celebrate their state and culture. This is also the time of the year that ExpoInter takes place, an International cultural week-long fair. Our church people met together to prepare bags with tracts,



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## Music Teaching and Planning

Tammy and I are working on a script for Christmas, and in conjunction with this, we will start a choir and handbells, and I will teach music theory. September may sound early for a small church plant, but more time is our friend as we encourage our folks to come out, participate and serve the Lord with this ministry.

## "Papo de Guriás" or "Girl Talk"

The ministry ladies and I in this group are planning a program on October 29, 2022. We are discussing the theme, activities, decorations, etc. They asked me to give the study for this program. Please pray for me as I ask the Lord what area He would have me speak to these young ladies. Our age range is 12-25.

## Cojuba sul

We had an activity at the beginning of September in a city called Novo Hamburgo. It's about an hour from Porto Alegre. We had a youth service, Bible games, food, and free-time activities. It's definitely a blessing to be able to meet again and to be on this side of the pandemic! The leadership group is also planning for the end-of-the-year meeting in Santa Maria (about four hours away) and our summer camp in February. My part in this group is in planning and organizing the music. I appreciate your prayers as I strive to encourage our youth to use their musical talents to serve and worship the Lord.

## Personal

I want to say thank you to each who contributed to help me with a vehicle; the goal was met with unbelievable generosity, and I am without words to express my gratitude. *Thank you, so much.* The conversion rate is currently high, and I was able to get a good exchange. I was also able to sell my car for the price I was hoping for, and that was a gift and miracle from the Lord! Thank you for praying. Currently, I have been using my parent's vehicle as I look for the right one to purchase. I have also decided to stay with them for the time being to save funds. Thank you for your prayers regarding this next step for me.

*Thank you* for your prayers and continued support.

May the Lord bless you!

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