## Tatiana Cordeiro Serving in Porto Alegre, Brazil



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Dear praying friends,

During the time my parents and I have been in the US, there has been devastating news that the state of Rio Grande do Sul has experienced severe, catastrophic flooding. The water level rose six to seven feet above normal levels and spread across major portions of the state. Medical buildings, the airport, bus stations, our cities—it is unbelievable to see how much went underwater. There have been many concerns with water contamination, loss of homes, missing people, areas without lights, and difficult access to propane gas. Many people are living in emergency shelters.

I have had a hard time wrapping my mind around this. My parents' home was not affected because it is far enough away from the river. However, the surrounding area of Lami was greatly impacted, a sister church in Canoas, as well as interior cities. The tragedy for these places and people hit close to home. Volunteers across the city have been helping as much as they can, but more help is needed.

What can you and I do?

There is a local church in Lami that has set up a relief fund. This is being handled by Nathan and Sarah Ring. This is Pastor Mike and Tammy's son and daughter-in-law who serve as missionaries here in southern Brazil. The funds will be used to assist local needs, to help the sister church that went underwater, and to help navigate physical and spiritual needs in the interior of Brazil where the water took out everything. With the local church handling the funds, they can be sure it will be directed to the people who truly need it most.

If you want to help, please direct funds to this address: Ring Relief Fund PO Box 835 Taylors, SC 29687

Please pray for the people of Rio Grande do Sul. Also, please pray for those of us serving there. We need wisdom in specific ways the Lord would have each minister. I need wisdom to know how I can help from here in the States, as well as how I can best show the love of Christ to my beloved people when I return. I personally need wisdom for the timing of my return, as well as for my parent's return to Porto Alegre. The Damage to the infrastructure complicates my original plans, but I am thankful God never needs a plan B!

Thank you for your love, prayers, and faithful support and encouragement.

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