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Dessert and Playing Games is Ministry, too?

Dear friends,

Praise the LORD for his goodness!

Shortly after arriving back in Brazil at the end of June, a team of men visited our state's interior to help assist areas hit by the flooding. Through this trip, they made contacts and formed a project for more helpers to come back to assist with an evangelistic outreach at a school. Here in this town, the water covered the second level of the school. It is just unbelievable to imagine. Towards the end of July, Br. Mike, Tammy, and I made the trip to join the others. Three groups rotated between classes, and the gospel was presented during each rotation. The Lord truly gave us an open door to enter each class and to share Scriptural truths freely. The teachers expressed gratitude for our visit, and we left with an invitation to come back. Thank you so much to those who were able to give. The funds that came in were used to provide supplies for teachers and school kits for students, and to print 5,000 children's tracts, and 10,000 John and Romans. It also took care of the costs of those who stayed longer to assist.



School Pictures!

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After our two months in the US, I was so excited to be back with the church family and serving in ministries. As my co-workers and I walked through the different areas of ministry, the Lord began impressing on me a need to focus on our teen girls. As we all know, many decisions and choices are made during these impressionable years. To encourage them spiritually, we have been providing more opportunities to fellowship with Christian teens in neighboring churches with the primary emphasis on hearing God's Word. I ask that you pray for Thayana and Emylly for continued wisdom as we minister to them.

So I mentioned dessert, right? Let's say I've saved the best for last! 😊

I'm so excited about this, though it does not feel like it is my story to tell. However, it is God's story, and He allowed me to witness the moment and share His incredible work!

Lucas, Tammy's former English student, reached out sharing he wanted the Rings to meet his girlfriend. He mentioned that she was attending a Baptist church. In the course of the conversation, the Rings invited them over for dinner later in the week and encouraged me to join them after a Bible study I was giving that same night.

We played Ticket to Ride, and a good hour or more later, the game ended, and we all sat around chatting. Isadora, his girlfriend, spoke up and shared her journey to Christ. She said that in her loneliness, she looked up a church, heard the gospel, placed her faith in Christ, and was baptized about one month prior. Lucas's family background is Catholic. He shared that he went to her baptism and was really moved. What moved him? we asked. He then said he had been moved by the Pastor's words and about God knocking on the door of your heart. Well, the Lord, indeed, opened a door this night to share the Gospel with Lucas. Lucas listened carefully, and when Br. Mike asked him, "Lucas, would you like to receive Christ tonight?" With a firmness, he answered, "Yes!" Our joy is overflowing. Isadora (who lives on my street!) is going to begin meeting with me for discipleship and Lucas with Br. Mike. Please keep them both in your prayers!



Isadora and Lucas



Teen Nights



Emylly (front), Pamela, Enzo, and Thayana in back seat

Please also keep in prayer the two Bible studies I am giving: Evelin (Emylly's mom) and Maria Helena.

Thank you for your prayers and for coming alongside me in pursuit of more souls for Christ here in southern Brazil!

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