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Dear prayer partners,

These past couple of months have been a blessing. We moved our church to the new location. Our people did lots of organizing and put in much work, all while blitzing the area and preparing our Christmas program. In September, we began preparing a short play and several choir songs, and we learned two new songs on the handbells. Praise the Lord for a full house the night of our Christmas program! Visitors that came out included a family from across the street—the ones who first told us about the church building was for sale, Irma, Paulo, and Mariane, and an older man, also from the neighborhood, as well as friends and relatives of our church family. We have begun following up with these contacts; please pray for these souls!



Our new church location has several benefits—far enough from main roads where the service isn't interrupted by street noise, close enough to walk from a bus stop, near intersections and large grocery stores, aka, lots of "people traffic." One important aspect to keep in prayer is the spiritual territory we have entered. We had not quite settled in the first month when our electrical lines were taken out (robbed), and a small sacrifice was left on our wall.



This happened the day before our Christmas program; thankfully, we have an electrician in our church who took that afternoon to get everything in order again. In general, there is evidence of spiritism sacrifices in different places in the neighborhood.

Please pray for the salvation of souls as we seek to be faithful witnesses of the gospel.

In December, Br. Mike, Tammy, and I, along with Evangelist Thomas Simpson and our Bible college graduate Thais Moraes, had the opportunity to take a two-day trip back to the Vale of Itaquari to visit areas affected by the floods, meeting up with Pastor Antonio's team.



This picture shows the bend of the river; however, there was no bend during the floods, and the waters went straight into the town shown on the right of this picture.

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The Lord opened the door for us to visit a high school in Cruzeirois do Sul and an elementary school in Roca Sales. Br. Thomas Simpson shared the gospel with the teens, using illusions to draw their attention. We rejoice that a young man made a salvation decision!

Thais shared the gospel with the children using an Emoji Wordless Word Box that she put together.



High School Teens in Cruzeirois do Sul



Young Man Getting Saved



Thais

After visiting the second school, we drove to a home in Roca Sales, where we held the second church service for Hope Baptist Church. The first service was in November, with Pastor Nathan Ring and Pastor Antonio, who have helped lead this work in the valley.



In this service, we had two converts and interested family members, neighbors, and friends. The family who lived in this home had been flooded out by two separate floods this past year. The teenage boy who lived in the home showed us the steps to the attic/roof. He showed us the small space where family members spent more than 17 hours, waiting to be rescued while his mom struggled with hypothermia. Amid so much tragedy, we have seen the beginning of this new work. The people in the town have been receptive, and we are praying that this community will receive the truth and hope found in God's Word. Lord willing, we will be traveling there again this month, this time taking another Bible College student, Jonathan, whom we met at Thais' graduation. He tells us he has been burdened for this area, which was affected by the floods.

We are preparing for two events for the remainder of January—a two-week music workshop and a VBS! We are excited to get this off the ground and plug Jonathan into these outreaches. Please pray as we organize and plan out details.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support in 2024. By God's grace, may more be done for the Kingdom of God in 2025!

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