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## “Things That Move”

I have always enjoyed studying creation science and God has allowed me to teach seminary classes and conferences with the goal to encourage others to see the authority and veracity of the Bible through God’s creation. Isaac Newton’s first law states, “an object in motion will remain in motion.” Paul stated in Ephesians 3:21, “Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” It is very clear in Scripture that the church that Christ established will continue in every age. It will continue to move. Since the beginning of the new year we have been very busy and things have been moving. In January I took Aydan with me on an almost two week seminary trip. The area that we went to received torrential rains for much of the time that we were there and we feared we might not leave. Roads were washed out and Bro. Nash had to literally



wade in waste deep water for almost a mile to reconnect with us so that we could all return home. Thankfully we made it. The rains helped the area that we were in, but we still are in a desperate drought here and the water company is talking about completely cutting off the city water at the end of March. PLEASE PRAY FOR RAIN! February is Carnival here in Brazil and most churches try to schedule some sort of activity to keep their people from the influences of such a “carnal” holiday. My boys along with three others from the church went to a retreat for two days where I preached about serving the Lord. It was a blessing to see the boys enjoy the time in the Word of God. At the beginning of this month we moved from the house we had lived in for the past eight years to the house next door. Talk about a long move. Here in Brazil the rent goes up 10% or more each year no matter what the economy does. After eight years our rent had almost doubled. The house we are in now is much more well ventilated (thank the Lord), and the rent is 30% lower. This move prepares us for our next move. Starting in June we will be returning to the states for our next furlough.

**Any of our churches who would like for us to report please contact me through my email (prjoel619@icloud.com).**

The congregation continues to move along as well. We need to buy land and build and we need to organize, but those two activities will wait until we return from furlough. The congregation needs prayer as we prepare to leave, but the Lord has blessed with three men who can preach and teach. We have had two men saved and we are hoping to baptize one at the end of March. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Lets keep moving.



Check out Cynthia’s Blog @ [www.dickensstory.com/blog](http://www.dickensstory.com/blog)

### From Her Perspective

Cynthia Dickens  
 “Through a Glass Darkly” (1 Cor. 13)



Ever tried to do something (for which you needed a mirror) in front of a foggy mirror? It’s an exercise in frustration! When we moved to this house and I first went to the bathroom to look in the mirror, I was shocked at how cloudy it was. It wasn’t fogged up – it was cloudy. Joel suggested that I try wiping it off, but knowing that it had just been cleaned by some ladies who helped tidy up the house before we moved in (and as I’m always in a rush when I DO go look in the mirror), I attributed the cloudiness to the age of the mirror and proceeded to squint and, trying to get a better view, bob-and-weave my way through several hair-do-ings and makeup inspections. ;) After a few days, I could take no more and in desperation wiped part of the mirror with a cloth. :-O And wouldn’t you know it? That cloudiness wiped right away. What I had assumed was age turned out to be something else entirely. If only I had taken my husband’s suggestion, I would have suffered much less eye strain! And conviction set in, as I thought about the fact that, just as I chose to struggle with the cloudy mirror, sometimes I choose to allow the world and its philosophies to cloud my spiritual perspective. I could have easily cleared the mirror’s surface long before I did so. Likewise, I can easily clear the spiritual fog by obeying and availing myself of cleansing, found in daily communion with my Lord. So my question and challenge to both myself and to you is ... how is your spiritual vision? Clouded by things that are better set aside or left in accordance with God’s truth and desire for your life?

### Special Prayer Requests

- DISCIPLESHIP LESSONS & STEPS TO ORGANIZING THE CHURCH
- SEMINARY CLASSES AND STUDENTS
- LAND AND FINANCES FOR BUILDING
- A NATIONAL TO PASTOR THE WORK
- JOEL SMOTHERS—YOUNG MISSIONARY COLLEAGUE COMING TO WORK WITH US
- RAIN DESPERATELY



### KIDZ CORNER

#### Going with Dad on a Seminary Trip Aydan Dickens

We first went to a place called Lagoa Grande. Lagoa Grande means Great Lake. We stayed with a couple in whose garage we held the church services. We stayed there for two days and on the second day Pr. James, Daddy, and I went for a walk around the lake. That afternoon, we went to a place called Avelino Lopes. There I met a boy whose name was Miqueias. Miqueias and I played in the rain together. After three days, Daddy and I left Avelino Lopes and went to a place called Nova Holanda. It rained a bunch in Nova Holanda. I got my hands very sandy there. A part of the road had turned into a toy’s river. It was fun to throw rocks into that river and walk through it. After three days in Nova Holanda, Pr. James, Daddy, and I headed home.



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