



### Morgan Dickens Prayer Letter January 2024

“I have set the LORD always before me: because [he is] at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” (Psa. 16:8) This verse was my prayer for the year 2023, and it continues to be so as I begin the year 2024. God was so good to me in 2023 by allowing me to move to Petrolina and start helping Bro. James Nash in preparing for the Centro de Treinamento Ministerial Batista Calvário (CTMBC).

In October 2023, I moved to Petrolina with only a part of my support raised, trusting that God would help me raise the rest while working with Bro. Nash. God has helped me by giving me just enough support to pay the monthly tuition fee for the CTMBC, which includes rent, food, water, electricity, internet, and etc. I’m still trying to raise the rest of the support I need to cover personal expenses, but I trust that God will give exactly what I need in the right time. Gratefully, I pray that God blesses each of my supporting churches the same way they’ve blessed me.

In November 2023, Bro. Nash and his wife spent four weeks in the U.S., trying to raise more support for the CTMBC, leaving me here to keep an eye on the house and teach Bible studies. While Bro. Nash was away, with his permission, I was able to travel to Pilão Arcado with Pr. Jailson Henrique and a group from his church to a missions’ conference being held in the church there. The next week, I traveled back to my parents’ house in Belo Jardim and stayed with them for the weekend while I wrapped up the documents from my previous job.



In December 2023, Bro. Nash had already returned and we intensified our planning and preparation for the CTMBC. I accompanied Bro. Nash in several trips last month, among them the seminary graduation ceremony in the church in Pilão Arcado. During the week of the 16th of December, we traveled to the city of Salvador, Bahia for my seminary graduation ceremony (depicted above). Almost my whole family was able to travel down for the event, and I got to travel back to Belo Jardim with them to spend one last Christmas in my parents' home. The day after Christmas, I caught the bus back to Petrolina to get back to work with Bro. Nash on the preparation for the CTMBC.



The CTMBC is the ministry internship center that Bro. Nash is starting here in Petrolina. I am interning with Bro. Nash already, but my internship will include participating in the CTMBC as one of its first interns. The CTMBC will kick-off on the 15th of this month with an initiation service, thanking God for how He's led us and asking His blessing for the start of the project. Before that, however, we prepared for the arrival of a missionary family who will be helping us with the project, as well. Pr. Ailson Soares and his wife and two children (pictured below) felt called by God to help start the CTMBC. Pr. Soares was a missionary on the Amazon River for a good portion of his ministry, until health concerns forced him to move to the city of Manaus. After pastoring there until this year, he and his family left almost everything they owned in Manaus and traveled here by car with only a few belongings that they could carry with them. Please pray for the Soares family that we find a house for them to live, and that they are able to find a school for their daughter.



God has blessed me with the privilege of walking and working with Bro. Nash for the last three months, and I can hardly wait to see what else God will do as I continue to learn from Bro. Nash. Thank the Lord that He helped me graduate this year! The things I learned about God and ministry have prepared me for the ministry God has called me to, and now I will be applying what I learned in seminary. Praise the Lord for the people who are dedicated to helping start the CTMBC and for the privilege to participate in it. I ask for prayer for the seminary students with whom I graduated; few of them seem interested in serving God in ministry, which saddens me quite a bit. I also ask prayer that I can raise the rest of the support I need for this missionary internship and that God will allow me to save enough to purchase my own vehicle, so I don't have to depend on some else to take me to Bible studies and services. Additionally, we ask that you pray for the funds for the CTMBC, specifically for purchasing a property for the project.

Gratefully,  
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