



Morgan Dickens Prayer Letter October 2025

(Romans 8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Indeed, all things can and will be used by Him for our edification, as long as we are willing to be edified. Very rarely does the edification process feel good; in fact, many times it is actually painful. To be edified sometimes requires being tried with fire, and though I cannot say I have truly been tried in fire, I can say God has used every situation—even the uncomfortable or painful ones—to help me grow.

Over the past two years, I have been working in the city of Petrolina to help build a ministry internship seminary, where Bible college students can study and intern in preparation for ministry. As the project was starting, Bro. James Nash was looking for a piece of property on which to build this internship center, the Calvary Baptist Ministry Training Center. Our internship program started in January of 2024, even though God had not provided a property yet. Therefore, my two-year internship period will finish in January 2026 with a conclusion ceremony and the yearly conference to which we invite any church who would like to see the CTMBC in person.

Although the property had not yet been provided, my classes and internship continued. Every day we held classes in the mornings and had practical training in the afternoons. Evenings were devoted to personal study time, or questions and answers with Bro. Nash, something that would be extremely hard to get in a normal Bible college.



Right to left: Chirlei Freitas—CTMBC intern, Pr. Ray Haskett—CTMBC director, and Morgan Dickens



The property that God provided us had been mostly abandoned for many years, meaning that we got first-hand training in all kinds of house renovation and construction. In July, our daily routine changed quite a bit with the inclusion of in-home Bible studies in a neighborhood of Petrolina called N10. Though our researching of various neighborhoods showed spiritual need in all of them, the people of N10 seemed the most receptive, and God gave us peace to start the work there. Over the course of one year of Bible studies with the people of N10, God has also given us at least three salvations that show fruit and many others who have the knowledge they need to make their decisions about Christ. Some of these people are asking about where they can attend church services, and we are doing weekly meetings with those interested to help them know more about churches and how they work. Our hope is that these people will indeed continue to want a church in N10 and that we can start a congregation before the end of the year, if God allows.



Praise the Lord that He sent me here to CTMBC for these two years, for He has used them to show me what ministry is going to be in a way I had not truly understood even in my parents' house. My internship has taught me some valuable skills about construction, building maintenance, irrigation, and many other practical skills. And that does not even compare to the ministerial training God has allowed here. The classes review and reinforce the studies received in Bible college. Here, I have also been challenged to constantly examine the Scriptures, critically, setting aside preconceived ideas, even things I have been taught, to ensure that everything I preach and teach is truly based on the Word of God! To that end, I've been challenged to read at least one Bible verse in Hebrew and Greek every day, so I can understand the original languages and true meanings of God's Word. Every week, I have been given the privilege and responsibility to preach at least once, practicing the skills I was taught in Bible college for feeding the flock.

With the people of N10, I have gained experience in counseling and discipling new converts. Two of the men who I have been discipling have made professions of faith, and I have had the responsibility of counseling them—one, after the death of his son, and the other, during his difficulties with his live-in girlfriend. These experiences and many more have helped me prepare for future situations similar to them.



I am so grateful to you who have been praying for me and supporting my internship. There are still three more months of the internship at CTMBC, which I realize may cause some confusion for some of you. If I was not clear on the time period of my internship, I apologize for the miscommunication. While I was raising support during 2023 and moved to the city of Petrolina in October 2023, I was helping to prepare for the starting of the project. My internship here at CTMBC started with the inauguration in January 2024. Since some of you may have started supporting me in October 2023, I apologize for the misunderstanding. And I humbly ask that you consider continuing supporting me for three more months until I finish my internship in January 2026.

After my graduation in January, my hope is to return to the United States as soon as I can to decide my next steps with my home church. God has confirmed His calling on my life to serve Him as a full-time missionary in Brazil, though I'm not sure which region, yet. My hope is to spend some time working with my home church before starting deputation to return to Brazil.

Gratefully,
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