

THE DUARTE FAMILY

THIRD GENERATION MISSIONARIES



Dear Prayer Partners,

May 29th, 2020

Oi from our family here in Cuiaba, Brazil! The country is still in semi lockdown due to Covid-19. Our state has had less than two-thousand confirmed virus cases and as of today, fifty-one deaths. **About 3 weeks ago we were allowed to have church services again! What a blessing it has been to our hearts to once again worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ!**

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Praises:

- God's protection during the recent car incident
- Witnessing and preaching opportunities
- Gloria began language study

Prayer Request:

- God's enabling as Gloria learns Portuguese
- Jonathan
- Co-laborers in the ministry

Jed has begun teaching a series on spiritual growth during Sunday mornings. **This preaching opportunity has helped him tremendously in becoming once again accustomed to speaking in Portuguese. Gloria has been diligently studying Portuguese since she began language classes at the end of April.** She is doing a great job! During these months of language learning, it seems in many ways we are at a standstill. But, we know this is only a short season and **the hours spent learning Portuguese now, are invaluable in preparing Gloria to effectively communicate the Gospel one day.**

A couple of weeks ago, Jed invited his Uber driver to church and the man (**Jonathan**) came the following Sunday morning! **Pray for him as he has a lot of religious background but is confused when it comes to salvation.**

On some afternoons, Jed gets a soccer ball in the street in front of our house and plays soccer with the neighborhood boys. **About nine teens come out to kick the ball around and Jed has been able to witness to several of them.** We will be hosting a pizza night for these teens at our home soon and Jed will be again sharing the gospel with them. **Will you pray with us for the salvation of these your teen boys?**

We are thankful for the Lord's protection Tuesday involving an incident with our vehicle. Some work had been done recently on the suspension and a mechanic apparently **left a few screws loose on the left front wheel bracket.** As Jed (with Elaina in the backseat) drove over a speed bump, **the tire came off, causing the wheel cavity to bend and the tire to puncture.** We praise the Lord Jed was going fifteen miles per hour when the accident occurred and not sixty, which would have no doubt caused far more damage. **Mechanics were able to quickly repair the damage and our car is back up and running well!**

You all are often in our thoughts and we appreciate keeping up with many of you via online and through WhatsApp. **May we all continue looking unto Jesus: the author and finisher of our faith!**

Your Missionaries in Brazil,

Jed, Gloria, and Elaina Duarte

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