



The Duarte Family

Dear Prayer Partners,

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Lately I have been greatly encouraged from my devotions in the book of Joshua in how the Lord consistently reminded and challenged Joshua to **be strong and of good courage**. In Joshua 1:9 the Bible says *“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”*

We can rest in the fact that that God’s presence goes with us wherever we go. If our eyes are fixed on this world we will be discouraged, but **if our eyes stay on our God we can have good courage!**

Last Tuesday, I had the great honor of being invited by my uncle (Missionary Stephen Doolittle) to **baptize four of the new believers who I had seen trust Christ at the end of last year**. This first baptism we have had since coming to Brazil and it is **a day that will forever stand in our memory as a visual marker to God’s saving grace and goodness!** I wish you all could have been there too experience the immense joy on these Christians faces as they came up from the water! Each new convert later had an opportunity to share a short testimony. Rosiani told the church family how **she was a catholic for 49 years**. Then one day last November, Pastor Jed and Gloria came by her house and invited her to church. Two weeks later, while at her home, **she trusted Christ as her Savior!** She began bringing her family to church and **soon her son, his wife, and her eldest grandson all also trusted Jesus as their Savior**. Tears of joy were shed as this lady said she wanted to share a verse and then read 1 Timothy 1:15 **“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”**

Seeing these first Believers baptized was a huge encouragement to us and the dear church family in Guaranta. **We are overjoyed to see these believers continuing to study God’s word and grow spiritually** since we moved to Alta Floresta three months ago.

There are still people in this world who are searching for the truth. They simply need someone to share the Gospel with them and point them to Jesus! May we take courage and be faithful in sharing God’s truth with all those He brings across our path.

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