



THE *Smothers* FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN BELO JARDIM
AND PESQUEIRA, BRAZIL

Dear Prayer Partners,

October 6, 2020

It's hard to believe that we have already been here almost a year and what a year it has been! Things are slowly getting back to normal here after the major scare of the Covid-19 has died out. Masks are still required in most places and mandatory washing of hands with alcohol when entering stores. Everyone from the church has been able to return to their jobs and none of them lost their job as a result of the quarantine, though many places did go out of business because of the shut down. Because of the restrictions to the number of people allowed in buildings, specifically churches being 30% of capacity, we have been meeting at the Dickens' house because they have a large, covered porch area that allows for open air meetings. We have seen a good return of members and even a new family that visited a couple weeks before the quarantine. The wife and son of this family were saved during the quarantine through the Zoom and Facebook services! The husband made a profession of faith a while back while attending a different church. They came to our church seeking a church that would preach the truth as they found some doctrinal errors where they were previously attending. What a blessing it is to see the Lord working even when things are abnormal!



Joel has been able to start classes with his new teacher, Sheilla, and lessons have been going very well. There are several things better with Sheilla than what he was doing before. Sheilla lives here in Belo Jardim and is a retired teacher. Though she does not attend our church she is a believer and has helped Joel with reading the Bible and using speech related to church. Joel has also been doing a Bible with Bro. Dickens and another young man from the church that wants to improve his ability to teach the Bible. This has been helping Joel a lot with finding different ways of speaking in simple settings. He will also be preaching Thursday night as Bro. Dickens is teaching a seminary class this week.

Family news! In early September we found out that we were expecting a third child, unfortunately a week later Noel went through another miscarriage. Since we were not able to go to a doctor in time we do not know what the complication may have been. Noel has an appointment tomorrow for a consultation and check-up to make sure everything is fine with her. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!

Praises:

Members' work resuming
Joel's language classes

Prayer Requests:

Growth of new believers
Noel's doctor appointment/ health concerns

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel, Noel and Gabriel Smothers



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