



THE *Smothers* FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN BELO JARDIM
AND PESQUEIRA, BRAZIL

Dear Prayer Partners,

June 23, 2021

Restrictions, restrictions, restrictions! This has been our life for the past few months as our state governor and town mayor have been battling back and forth because of the numbers of cases and deaths here in our state. The governor wants to completely shut everything down and keep us all locked up while the mayor here of Belo Jardim wants to keep commerce alive and well. Our lives have been week by week determining what we have been allowed to do. On Monday, June 21, they finally removed the restrictions in our state so that we can operate at normal times and schedules. Please pray for the spiritual condition of our church and that everyone will return to the services in person.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions we were not able to hold the men's retreat as planned, yet God, as always, blessed us with another soul for His glory. On Easter Sunday, we received great news from a young man that has been watching our services online and after the evening service he accepted Christ as his Savior. Please pray for Leidson and his fiancé, Geisiane, as Pastor Dickens and Joel have started doing Bible studies with them. Geisiane made a profession of faith some time ago when she came to church with her sister. They are planning on being married in August once they have finished some refurbishing work on their house.

Another unfortunate happening was Joel's Portuguese teacher getting Covid in March and ending up in the hospital for almost a month. She was not able to return to doing classes until the first of May and she was only able to do one class a week for the month. This month we started doing two classes a week and will hopefully return to doing three classes a week soon. Joel is making considerable progress and did what he could to continue learning while Sheila was sick. Thank you for your faithful prayers on his behalf.

Noel has been doing better but would still appreciate your prayers on her behalf as there are still some anomalies that we have not been able to get answers for. Also, because of the restrictions she has been unable to do the Bible studies as planned. Please pray that with the lifting of restrictions she will be able to restart these soon. We were pleased to have Noel's parents visit this past week and her dad preached for our mid-week service.

As always, we appreciate your faithful prayers and support for the ministry here!

Prayer praises:

Leidson's salvation
Lifting of restrictions

Prayer Requests:

Return of services
Bible studies

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



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