



THE *Smothers* FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN BELO JARDIM
AND PESQUEIRA, BRAZIL

Dear Prayer Partners,

September 26, 2021

I realize that this is a month overdue and I apologize for that. I got a late start in writing an update and then had an occurrence that sidelined most everything. We do have some very exciting news to share this month though.

First, is that we have had two teenage boys receive Christ as their Savior after two different Sunday evening services. They have been doing Bible studies with their friend who just completed the 50 lesson course himself. This is a huge blessing to see young people take what they have learned and teach others! Praise God for two new names written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

The second, was the completion of a Bible project through the generosity of some churches in Virginia that produced almost 30,000 Bibles for us to use in giving out to people that are doing the Bible studies. These Bibles will be able to be used all over the Northeast region of Brasil by many different churches, pastors and church-planters. Joel and Bro. Dickens were able to go down to Salvador, Brasil, and help unload them from the truck and move them into the church there, where the Bibles will be stored and distributed as people need them; and Joel has been appointed control of the inventory and order requests of this project to keep track of how many are being used and where. Praise the Lord for the ability to spread His word across this large area of Brasil.

The third, was the wedding celebration ceremony for Leidson and Geisiane. This is the young man that was saved on Easter Sunday. Joel and Bro. Dickens have been doing the Bible study course with them since then, and they are about half way through now. It has been a joy to see them grow in Christ and start their family in the right manner.

The fourth, is an answer to prayer and a great joy for us to announce the coming of our fourth child. With the two previous miscarriages there of course was some concern once we found out that this pregnancy would go well. As a result, a few weeks ago we had to make an early morning run to the emergency as Noel was experiencing some strong pain in her lower right abdomen. The doctor did some checking and ordered an ultrasound to make sure the baby was fine. This revealed that there was some separation of the baby from the uterine wall and the doctor prescribed some medicine and mostly bed rest. On Friday, September 24, we had another ultrasound that showed the baby is doing very well with a strong heartbeat and no separation. Praise the Lord for this new life and please continue to pray for Noel and this baby.



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Joel continues to do Portuguese classes each week as well as teaching in Sunday school and doing Bible studies. Please continue to pray for his progression in speaking and understanding Portuguese.

As always, we appreciate each of you for your faithful prayers and support for the work of the ministry here.

Prayer Praises:

New salvations
Bible project
New Baby

Prayer Requests:

Growth in new believers
Bible studies
Noel's health and pregnancy

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