March 8, 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

Last Participation



As we were preparing to leave the church with Pastor Paulo Moura and come to the US for our overdue furlough, our last official act was to baptize João Vitor. When he started attending services, he was already saved and asked to do a study in discipleship. He then decided that baptism was his next step. It was a blessing to see this 18-year-old grow and follow the Lord in baptism. He will be starting college soon and has a good foundation in the basic doctrines of God's Word. This was a wonderful way for us to leave the church and head to the US for furlough. Pray for João Vitor as he steps into the arena of battle against the secular and satanic philosophies of the colleges of Brazil.

Furlough

After several delays, we finally began our furlough in the middle of January. As originally planned, the first couple of months have been dedicated to long overdue medical exams and getting settled in for the year. During these past few weeks, we have been preparing the presentation materials and have scheduled a few meetings closer to Texas. Our web site is included in this work, and soon, we will have it updated and better organized. Please pray for us as we begin setting up the schedule to visit the different areas of the country. We will be giving a report of the work and encouraging God's people to continue to be faithful in living, giving and praying for the continued expansion of God's work.

Praises to Our God

After having looked for someone to assume the leadership of the work in Cornélio Procópio, it is now very evident that God has led the right man to do so. Pastor Paulo is doing an excellent job, and the people have accepted him and his family very well. They have carried on the ministries already established and initiated a new one that is allowing them to reach out into the community. The people appear to be participating in this ministry that was the result of Pastor Paulo's personal preparation in education and community service. This is the fifth time that we have transitioned a church that we established into national leadership. It has also been the most difficult, and therefore, the greatest victory. It once again proves that faith and faithfulness in obedience to the Lord will always bring victory. We thank you for your participation in prayer and financial support. However, it is the Lord that has accomplished the work, and to Him be all the glory.

Your servants in Jesus Christ,

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