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Brazil

1 Corinthians 9:19
 ... yet have I made myself a servant
 unto all, that I might gain the more.

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To our faithful helpers,

Lucas and Lara have been a part of the congregation for the past six months. Both were saved out of a cult that is popular here in Brazil. He is a barber and plays the violin for our services. She is studying nursing. In August, they are planning to be married. Both are taking a discipleship course, and we have seen spiritual growth in them. They love our Lord. Their great burden is to see their unsaved family and friends come to know the Lord as their Savior. Most of these people are in the cult and have turned their backs on Lucas and Lara.

We praise the Lord for the growth that we are seeing in the people of Rolândia. They are understanding what it means to be a Christian, and seeing how their family, friends and neighbors do not have the marvelous relationship with the Lord that they have. They have been witnessing and giving out tracts just as we have been teaching and encouraging them to do. One of our men, Benedito, who originally was more concerned that his unsaved wife smoked a lot than that she was not saved, has been actively giving out tracts and been asking prayer for his wife to be saved. The other day he offered a tract to a man, and the man said he was not interested. Benedito did not give up that easily. He said to the man, "You are going to refuse the Word of God?" The man stopped and looked once again at the tract, and then accepted it. We are beginning to hear of more situations like this from our people. We are also thankful that our young national worker is becoming a very good preacher and leader. He is beginning to perceive situations and needs in the people and in the administration of the church.

We would ask for your prayers for the health of our people. Although the coronavirus has not hit Brazil with full force, it is arriving here in the middle of an epidemic of dengue. Dengue is a disease transmitted by mosquitos in the same way as malaria. Those who get it suffer from fever, pain throughout the body, and weakness. If it is not treated quickly, it begins to attack the blood platelets which, in turn, causes organ damage, and eventual death. One of our ladies was in the hospital because of this, and two more of our people are showing symptoms. The entire country is having problems with dengue, and there is even added danger with the arrival of the coronavirus. Our trust is with the Lord for his protection for all His people.

This week classes for the Bible institute have begun as well. These students are the hope for the continuation of the Lord's work. Your prayers for both students and teachers are important.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Because of them, we can continue to serve for His glory.

Lovingly, your servants,

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