



NORTHEASTERN Brazil

Leland, Naomi, Lincoln, and Lauren Johnson

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The weeks have been busy, and the rest has been sparse, but it is good to be about the Father's business!

We do a four-week group discipleship program that we designed, before we start our eight-week individual discipleship with new believers. It is designed for new Christians, but we invite anyone who is interested to participate. In the last session five people participated. The second week, I asked each person individually if they had been saved according to the Bible and baptized in a church that affirms the doctrines taught. Two people, a mother and son, said yes. When I asked which church, they said that they were saved in a Jehovah's Witness church. When we reviewed the things that we had been teaching about salvation, I asked if they had truly been saved according to the Bible and they said no. At the end of the session, I was able to take them to another room and talk and they both bowed their heads to pray to receive Christ as Savior.

A few weeks later, we had a homeless man named Mauricio that showed up late for our Sunday morning prayer service. As I stood there talking to him afterwards, he talked about the troubles that he had been going through and how he was ready for a change. I talked to him about the need for a change that goes much deeper than the financial difficulties that he was facing and his need for Christ. As we were talking, Nathaniel, the single missionary working with us, came out and sat with us. I was able to transition the conversation over for Nathaniel to share the plan of salvation with him, and we were able to see another soul saved. Pray that roots will grow in the lives of these unstable new believers.

Thank you for all your prayers regarding Naomi's health. I would love to report to you that things are going well, and she is back to normal, but that is not yet the case. We are trusting in God's timing and plan to reveal exactly what is going on in her body. We are now working with doctors from Albert Einstein Hospital in Sao Paulo, who are reviewing her case. I know that many of you are concerned about the quality of doctors outside of the USA, so let me assure you that this hospital is top notch. It is the #1 hospital in South America and just for some context, it is rated it #36 in the world, ahead of Duke University Hospital (#37), Mayo Clinic, Phoenix (#41), and UCLA, Santa Monica (#55). However, we do not trust in physicians, but in the Great Physician for healing. Please pray that God will give them wisdom.

Please note that this past month we moved to a new house and have a new address! If you have anything that is already en route to Brazil, please let us know so that we can arrange to have it picked up.

Please be praying for our upcoming 1st church anniversary next week! We are looking forward to seeing God do great things. We are thankful for your prayers!

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