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The weeks continue to fly by as we speed towards the end of the year. I am writing this letter as I fly back from a three-day teen/singles conference in Sao Paulo. I was invited to be the main speaker at the conference, and, between the workshops and services, I preached a total of nine times in three days. Lincoln, as well as another young man from our church, was able to travel with me to participate in the conference. There were about 175 teens/singles present and the conference was focused on the question, "Is it still possible to live for God in 2022?" The Lord led me to preach on the life of Joseph and how he lived for God as a young man, while living away from home, and in a godless society. God truly worked in the conference; each day the altar was full of young people committing themselves to living for God. There were also at least three decisions to trust Christ as personal Savior.



A full day has gone by since I wrote the last paragraph. We had a late-night flight back to Salvador which was scheduled to arrive at 2:45 in the morning; I was planning on finishing the letter and then going to sleep. However, while I was working on the prayer letter my seatmate asked me a question about the type of tablet that I was using. That started a conversation about all types of things. As we talked about electronics, work, family, and a host of other subjects, I felt the leading of the Lord to move on to spiritual matters. I asked him if he knew where he would go if he were to die today (always an interesting question on a plane...) and he said that he had never considered that thought before. I was able to take the Bible and show him from God's Word how he could know God personally. While he didn't accept Christ at that moment, he did say that he truly believed that I was put there just to talk to him. We exchanged numbers and we are keeping in touch. The seed has been planted; I believe that God will water and give the increase.

The conference was just the start of a busy set of weeks here at the church. Our church's first missions conference will start on Sunday, and we have invited two missionary families to be with us. We are praying that God will call people from our church to the mission field and that they will surrender this coming week. We are also going to be challenging the people to make a specific monetary commitment to missions during the conference. Following that, we will be preparing for our Christmas services; they will include our living nativity, which always attracts attention. Please pray that God will do great work.

