

Rob & Myra Johnson



**Reaching Out**  
ministries



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

## April 2022

Dear supporting churches & prayer partners,

We have been in Brazil for six weeks now, and the Lord has blessed us in getting situated and familiar with the local area. The immediate plan is to apply for residence permits. In the meantime, we will likely need to apply for an extension on our original 90-day visas. Our first attempt at getting permits fell through, and in looking back, we can see God's hand in that. So, as we approach our second attempt, we rest in what the Lord's will is either way. Please pray with us in these areas of direction.

Orlando introduced me to Bro. Mario. He is planting a sound Baptist church in Arapoti, a city two hours south of us. He began the work about a year ago. We will be supplying John/Romans and gospel tracts for the work there. There is a small nucleus of people meeting, and Mario has a heart for the people and seeing the church grow. Please pray for the ministry there.

I have been teaching English twice a week at the school. During this time, the students asked why I was here and what a missionary is. It has opened doors to teach about the need for salvation and distinguish having a relationship with Christ from having only religion. In the adult class, they asked what a Baptist is, and then I gave a very brief history lesson about the church. Many schools are Catholic-run, so providing a Biblical message is a rare opportunity. It will take time, but please pray it will reach into hearts.

Orlando and I continue with discipleship lessons, and although he is busy with his farm, he has been a blessing on many levels. Please continue to pray for his spiritual walk and testimony to those around him. I think of Jason (or that "son of peace") from the Bible, who was welcoming and accommodating. Orlando has also led the family housekeeper, Cida, to the Lord.

### **Myra:**

I love being in Brazil and meeting people here. Thursday evenings, I help in an English class for young children. They are so much fun and so bright! I enjoy working with Anita and Aga, the teachers.

We started our Portuguese lessons and have already seen some progress despite the brain fog and age. I know it's because you are praying. Please don't stop. My biggest hindrance in language learning is my poor memory.

My shoulder continues to heal for those who have asked, and I have more range of motion than when we left home. The trip did aggravate my knees and the baker's cysts, making walking painful at times, but God always gives grace and strength when I need it. He is so faithful.

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**Prayer Points:**

- Bible studies
- Language lessons
- Residence permits

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

God bless,

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