

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

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Dear supporting churches & prayer partners,

We have been in Brazil now for approximately four and a half months. The Lord has blessed our time here in getting to know some people in our area. Although a language barrier still exists, I'm in an odd stage of understanding where portions of a conversation are going in Portuguese, but still not knowing how to fully communicate back. The locals appreciate the attempts, which has often resulted in some humorous moments. Please continue to pray for our language lessons.

Junior: Junior operates a linen and houseware shop around the corner from us. We met shortly after we arrived and 'hit it off' right away since he speaks English. His mother is Jewish, and father is Syrian. He speaks fluent Hebrew and Portuguese, as well as English. He is a student of the Bible, is knowledgeable, and has his own small library of English, Hebrew, Portuguese, and some Arabic. We have been having Bible studies most Saturday mornings in his office above the store. He has had some pressing questions that he needed answered. When he gets the answer, he is amazed it was never as he thought. His life motto could be "I cannot believe until I see." But he is slowly "seeing" truths from God's Word, which ultimately point to Christ. Please pray for Junior. So far, he has been very teachable.

Studies: Our Friday Bible study at the school has been going well. There have been good questions, such as, "how can someone know they are saved?" and "is baptism needed?" We average about four to five students, including our Portuguese instructor and Orlando's mother, who owns the school. We teach English on Mondays, which has been a great opportunity to build relationships. Orlando and I continue discipleship studies. He is feeling even more compelled to witness to those around him. God is certainly working on His heart and using him as a testimony. Please pray for these studies. The enemy is not happy when the gospel is preached.

Intern: One of the students that recently graduated from our church's Bible college will join us for six weeks and will arrive on July 7th. Please pray for a safe and profitable trip.

Visas: We are still in the processing stage for our resident permits. The last we heard; the lawyer was waiting on two documents to complete the application. We need visas in hand before August 16th, which is when our current extension expires. We do not know what happens if we don't have them by then. Two people have told us they *think* we can stay until we get either approved or denied, but no one we talked to knows for sure. Please pray, as some things are still uncertain.

From Myra: I am looking forward to the intern student that is coming. Love is a sweet young lady, and I am excited about investing in her during her time here.

My health has been worse lately, with energy decreasing and pain increasing. I was referred to an endocrinologist who said he believes it is all autoimmune, possibly lupus. He referred me to a rheumatologist. She has ordered labs. I will see her again when the lab results come back.

It is easy to get frustrated at what I cannot do. I have missed several Portuguese lessons and Bible studies, and the intense brain fog makes learning difficult. Yet I must remind myself that God gives me strength for what He wants me to do. It's not about me, or what I want. It's all about Him.

Prayer Points

- Bible studies
- Language lessons
- Residence permits
- Myra's health

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

God bless,

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Orlando with a young family in Arapoti.



Orlando translates as I preach in Arapoti. I appreciated getting to preach for Bro. Mario.



Aga (L) translates Lucia's questions during English Bible study.



Literature we are using.