



"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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

## January 2023

"I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water." Isaiah 41:18

Dear supporting churches & prayer partners,

Happy New Year!

Bible studies continue with Junior, and discipleship lessons for Orlando, while the English class is on holiday break. Junior is at a crossroads. He now understands what is required for salvation but cannot determine if it's truly God's will to believe in Christ alone, since it may offend God by doing so. What a *spiritual weight* religion can place in the heart of man. Yet he remains very teachable. Orlando is doing well and needs to build confidence in Christ to be bolder in witnessing. And we're assisting the work in Arapoti by supplying evangelistic literature. Please continue to pray for Junior, Orlando, and others.

On another note, the very week 2022 ended, our visa application was rejected once again. This was the third attempt while in Brazil, and the fourth total, including the first attempt while back stateside. It's been over a yearlong endeavor. We can no longer stay, so we are scheduled to return **January 14**<sup>th</sup>. Although the door has closed, for now, we rejoice in the time the Lord allowed us here.

I will remain in contact with Orlando and Junior via WhatsApp and email. And we thank every one of our supporters and ask for prayers as we seek the Lord's will. Whether it's a return to Brazil, another area of missions, taking a pastorate, or some other aspect of ministry, we look forward to what door the Lord opens for us in this valley of decision. I'll also be contacting supporters as we try to schedule a furlough for late Spring-Fall of 2023. Health interrupted our first furlough and covid interrupted our second. We plan to visit all the churches we didn't get to visit before.

Please also pray for Brazil as the new president and transitional government was inaugurated in this past weekend. They are no friends to missionaries or churches.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. If there are any questions or comments, please contact the email below and/or the phone number after our return stateside.

God bless, Rob & Myra Johnson