

LOCKHART FAMILY

Missionaries to Brazil

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...Heb. 4:12

Dear Praying Friends,

We are thankful this month as we contemplate the power of God's Word! Truly it is like a hammer that breaks the rock hard heart into pieces. Not until the Word of God penetrates the heart through the power of the Holy Spirit of God do we see believers changed and souls saved.

God has been working for some time in the heart of a young man in our church, João, concerning his lost brother. Through the power of God's Word, this young man's heart was broken, and he began to see from God's perspective the value of a human soul. He went to his lost brother, who had already heard the Gospel numerous times, and pleaded with him to trust Christ before it was too late. That day, his brother was saved, and João was encouraged to continue in his quest to reach his dad and others for Christ. What a blessing it is to see God's Word take effect in people's lives, and to watch them grow as they take in the Scriptures and act upon them with obedience.

During the month of February, we went to family camp, along with our church and several other churches from nearby cities and neighborhoods. Each year, a missionary friend, Peter Doolittle, hosts this camp. It takes place during Carnival, a time of lewd and perverse partying for the Brazilian people. The camp provides an escape for the believers. A Brazilian pastor from another state was invited to preach, and God worked in the hearts of many through His Word. Jeremy was blessed to be able to teach the young teenage boys each day, as well as to shuttle a group of church kids to the camp. Toward the end of camp, one of these young boys came to Jeremy privately, struggling with doubts that he was saved. Jeremy was able to show him the Scriptures, and to send him off with an assurance based upon the Word of God, where we learn of Christ and His finished work upon the cross.

We continue teaching our weekly Bible study with the young people, as well as our Sunday school class. It has been a joy to see the children in our Sunday school class take up the task of memorizing their weekly Bible verse. We realized shortly after taking the class that these kids had no idea "how" to memorize a verse. Most have never even been taught to read well. It may seem a small thing, but after many home visits and hours of working on verses with some of these kids, many have now learned how to memorize a verse, and are coming to class each week with it already memorized. It may seem a lot of work for a little fruit, but we are depending on the truth that God's Word has the power to change lives, and that He can use these verses to convict and change the hearts of these children for years to come.

As always, we thank the Lord for each of you who give and pray to help keep us here. We count it an honor to serve the Lord in this needy place. Please pray for understanding and capacity as we study the language, for power as we preach God's Word, and for clean hearts as we seek to walk with God and to guide our family to take only those steps which would honor Him.

Gratefully,
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*Now unto Him that is able to do
exceedingly abundant above all
that ye ask or think... Eph. 3:20*



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