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NEWS FROM BRAZIL



They're here!

Paulo and I are so grateful to have the Joneses with us in Brazil! They arrived November 16, just in time for Brandon to teach a 2-week intensive class on Old Testament Theology with me as his interpreter!

It's been an intense time of helping them to get their apartment set up, working through visa documents and making appointments, figuring out the best language learning for everyone and schooling options for their children,

annual missions meetings and general cross-cultural introductions. I am so grateful it has actually been summer vacation time here, so it gave us more time to focus on these important steps. There have



Celebrating the end of the school year with Seminary students

been joys and challenges, laughter and tears, and God has made His presence known in a very tangible way over and over again! It has brought back a lot of memories as I've seen them go through all these beginning steps and at times I've felt helpless as I've observed them face difficult moments. But at the same time I know from personal experiences how important it is for them to overcome and press on as God continues to confirm His missionary calling to all of us.

THANK GOD FOR:

- The arrival of the Jones Family!
- Opportunities to share His Gospel of grace.
- His beautiful creation and history.
- Protection and safety.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray as the Jones family continues to get settled into their life here in Brazil, their new routine, language learning and cultural adaptation. Please pray that their appointment with Brazilian immigration officials on February 21 goes well.
- Please pray for the Seminary professors and students as we start our new school year on February 18.
- While Paulo and I were on our trip, in a city very close to us, Brumadinho, a dam of residue from mining ruptured killing over 100 people. At this time there are still over 200 missing. Please pray for the families who have lost loved ones or who are missing loved ones. Please pray that the toxic mud will be cleaned up to protect the environment. This is the second tragedy of this kind in 2½ years and there are 2 other dams in danger of rupturing in the area. Please pray that this time the government takes action to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again.



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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

In November, I had the opportunity to preach at the church of one of my former Seminary students on the missions theme for the Brazilian Baptist Conference for the year: "Moved by Grace." This theme challenged all of us as to how we share the grace the Lord has given us with others. In December, I was invited to be the guest speaker for the Annual Christmas Ladies tea at my colleague's (Marcos) church. Despite a huge downpour right before the tea started, many ladies came out and I was able to share the Gospel message at such an important time of year. Marci Jones came along and helped me make chocolate chip cookies for all the ladies!

PERSONAL UPDATE



Paulo turned 50 years old on December 28. We had originally planned to have a joint party at Church to commemorate 100 years of life between the two of us, but with so many activities, it never happened. So instead, we took a bit of time off and traveled to the very first place in Brazil to be declared a heritage site by UNESCO, the city of Ouro Preto. We had a wonderful time learning about the history of this place and just walking around and seeing all its beauty! It was also a great place for me to practice my photography hobby. Here is one of my favorite photos!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS
AND SUPPORT!!**