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READY TO LAUNCH

Praises

- For God's guidance in leading us to new partners and ministry opportunities.
- That Daniel was able to secure roommates, moved into his first apartment, and got his furnishings from a supporting church.
- For a restful break during our wintertime.

Prayer

- For Projeto Etos and RumoPlan, as we are starting these new ministries this year.
- For the seminary students as they start their second semester.
- For Monica and Olivia as they start their school year.

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*

PSALM 107:8-9 (NIV)



RumoPlan Launch Event

The past few months have brought new partnerships and opportunities for our mission here in Brazil, as well as visits from partnering churches in North America.

In June, our mission held its launch event for a new church planting network called RumoPlan. We partner with a local Southern Baptist Convention missionary in providing resources for churches to recruit, train, and support church planters, as well as the church planters themselves as they

go about their ministry. We had over fifteen different church plants represented with our opening event, and already our network has distributed over 800 Bibles to church plants! As we think long term, we are praying that God will use this network to bolster and care for those who are planting churches in a region that can be very difficult. We are in our opening stages but are hoping that God will bless this venture as we reach out to connect church planting ministries to each other and help them with training, discipleship, mentoring, and pastoral care.

Brandon has been teaching systematic theology at one of the church plants while also helping with pulpit supply at another one. Among the resources we offer as missionaries are also connections with churches in North America, and we had two churches visit us this winter: The Gathering Baptist Church from Kansas City, Missouri, and Greenfield Community Church from Edmonton, Alberta. It was a pleasure to come alongside both groups as we



connected them with the ministries of our seminary students and graduates, including those who are actively planting churches. Highlights from these visits include the team from Kansas City participating in a worship workshop event and the team from Edmonton participating in a children's tutoring ministry.



The Gathering Baptist Church team



With the students and administrative team of STBISUL



The Greenfield Community Church team at the Branca Diva School

In August, we officially rebranded Kairos Brasil as Projeto Etos. *Etos* is the Portuguese word for ethos, and each letter in the word stands for part of our Kairos ministry: to equip, train, orient, and serve. With our new partnership with the Independent Baptist Theological Seminary of the South (STBISUL), we wanted to give our Kairos ministry a new beginning, as well as a new name. We are welcoming up to six new Kairos students this fall from the STBISUL community to begin on master's and doctoral programs. Our long-term hope and prayer is that among these first six students will be future administrators and mentors of Projeto Etos, who can in turn help train others in their journey of discipleship.

This winter in Brazil has provided some rest for our family during the high school break, which ended in late July. Monica is now a senior in high school and Olivia, a sophomore. They continue to flourish in their academic classes and have both made good friends. Daniel is wrapping up his bachelor's degree in Kansas City and plans to graduate this December. Marci continues with her studies as a Kairos student, and starting in September, she will be serving as an English teacher to our local chapter of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), which is called JOCUM here. It will be an eight-week class. Brandon will be her classroom helper.



Monica and Olivia on their first day of school

As we come to the end of this newsletter, I think of all the hopes, dreams, and long-term goals we hold tightly in our souls. This life is often one of transition and change, with plenty of launches and misfires along the way. It's rarely easy but often satisfying. And it would be impossible alone. Thank you for being part of our team – our partners in ministry. Thank you for your emails, your prayers, and your financial gifts. We never take any of them for granted. Through all the changes, God's promises and grace remain firm, and you are part of that!

Blessings,

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