



NOVEMBER 2025

RHYTHMS

Praises

- That Daniel will graduate from UMKC with his bachelor's degree in December!
- That God continues to call people in southern Brazil to be trained to serve as church planters and leaders!
- That God has sustained our family through the rhythms of another spring season and semester!

Prayer

- For our RumoPlan church planters in the region who are stressed and often overwhelmed with their responsibilities.
- For God to bless members of Projeto Etos, our Kairos partnership, such as Leandro, who ministers to university students.
- For God to provide everything we need for a smooth transition for home assignment next year.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NIV)



RumoPlan meeting

The preacher who wrote Ecclesiastes reflects on how there is a time and season for everything. There are rhythms to our lives, from our steady heartbeats, to sunrises and sunsets, and the changing of the seasons. When we moved to Brazil, we learned how to observe and establish our own rhythms. Summer in January? Check. Spring break in October? Check. This spring in Brazil has been a full one as we focus on our mission's three main ministries: Theological Education, Church Planting, and Discipleship.

Our church-planting network, RumoPlan, had its second gathering in August in Canoas, which is the largest suburb of Porto Alegre. The meeting included church planters



The church plant in Rio Branco, Canoas

and mentors from all over the state, including its biggest three cities. We focused on self-care for church planters and leaders as everyone shared some of their own rhythms between work, rest, and ministry. Nearly every church planter has a full-time job on top of their ministry, so it can be a challenge to prioritize taking care of oneself and being present for one's family. Yet, God created us to have rhythms between our work and rest, even when our work is so important.



Guaíba extension site class

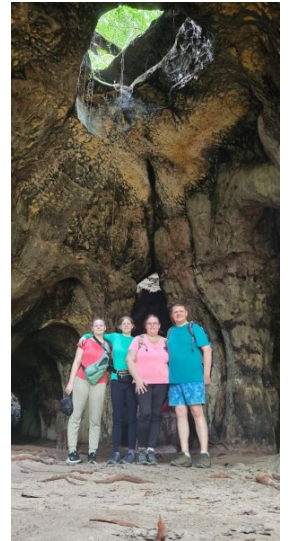
Brandon is teaching two classes this spring: a New Testament Introduction at our seminary's extension site in Guaíba and Paul's Letters at the main campus. As always, this semester has been a great opportunity to learn as well as teach, and God has also graced us with new students this semester.

Marci received two teaching opportunities this spring: one is leading a Bible study in English to help people sharpen their English skills while also learning more about who God is. One of the members of our church, Vitor, came up with the idea, as he works with a lot of people who want to improve their English. He thought, why not have them learn about God while doing so? He named the study "The Bible Is on the Table," because in Brazil just about everyone knows one English phrase: "the book is on the table." The local YWAM group in our city also invited Marci to teach English to some of their team members who often travel out of Brazil, where their Portuguese is not as useful as English would be.

On top of these opportunities, she is finishing up her Master of Divinity degree with Kairos University. Our own Brazilian partnership with Kairos University, called Projeto Etos, has welcomed six new students who are all affiliated with our new partner seminary. One of our older students, Leandro, is nearing graduation with his Doctor of Ministry degree. He pastors a church in a university town, so his project has focused on ways his church can creatively reach university students. He has studied and

applied apologetic strategies that focus on one's imagination and heart rather than just their head. He will be presenting some of his findings to our first Projeto Etos gathering in November.

In October, Monica and Olivia had a week of spring break from their school, so we took a family trip up to the Amazon. Monica chose the Amazon because this is her last year in Brazil. We heard from everyone around here how hot it will be up north, and they were right. It was hot, but it was also beautiful, being surrounded by miles of forest one day only to be surrounded by miles of water another day. And we even encountered botos, which are river dolphins!



The Joneses in the Amazon rainforest

The last rhythm that we reflect on is that of splitting our time between the field here in Brazil and all of you, our partners, family, and friends back home in North America. That's why we are pleased to announce that our next home assignment is coming up, starting in July of 2026. We will be staying in the Kansas City area for a year through June of 2027. As we look ahead, we are not only praying for God's provisions as these transitions always bring so many extra costs with them, but also to plan our visits to our partners well. If you already have a missions conference scheduled between July 2026 and June 2027 and would like for us to be a part of it, please let us know via our email, which is below.



Monica and Olivia wearing traditional Gaucho dress for Farroupilha days in September

Thanks so much for your prayers, support, and gifts that sustain us through all life's many rhythms!

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