

Dear Faithful Supporters,

SPRING, 2018

We send you our greetings in the precious name of our risen Savior.

FAMILY - On February 14, 2018, my dear precious mother slipped away peacefully in her sleep to her Heavenly Home. How appropriate that she would go on Valentine's Day as she taught us by example to love God and others. God's timing is perfect!

My brother Joel and his wife arrived in Fortaleza the day before and sang hymns to Mom. What a blessing that Joel was here to help prepare for the funeral in 24 hours. Jared, the youngest, arrived half an hour before the service celebrating Mom's life. The Horizonte Bible Church that my parents started over 50 years ago was packed and the gospel message was presented and the believers were challenged to serve the God Carol Celesta loved and served for many years. Pray as I comfort and care for my 99 year old father. After 70 years of marriage, death parted mom and dad here on earth.

We praise God that because of Christ we do not mourn as those who have no hope.

MINISTRY - Here in Northeast Brazil we have two seasons, dry season and rainy season. After six years without sufficient rain, this past month we got an abundance of rain. The intense down pour for several days caused flooding, bringing damage to the lower areas of our city. Due to the fact that people throw trash into rivers and streams, more flooding than usual occurred.



THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

The river near our church overflowed flooding the whole street. Our meeting had to be cancelled because the water came into the church reaching the half way level of the pulpit. The projector and instruments were floating in the water. In spite of the damage, we are back to our regular activities.

Praise the Lord this past month we started our special meeting to the young people, reaching one of our goals for 2018. We had a good group of young people at this first gathering.



CAROL CELESTA NICHOLS JOHNSON

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BOY USING BOAT IN FRONT OF CHURCH

HOUSE OF HOPE - We would appreciate your continue prayers for the House of Hope. We always have had problems when dealing with drug addicts, but in the last two months there has been an above average level of problems. In one instance, one woman became so aggressive and there was an intense fight with some of the other women that the police had to be called to help resolve this issue. We ask God for wisdom as we continue striving to rescue these women who are victims of drugs.

We are living in a challenging time in the city of Fortaleza where crime continues rising causing many to live in fear. We continue our ministry taking the message of hope through Jesus alone, thus spreading the only light that can overcome darkness.

We want to THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for your prayers and financial support.

In His Service,

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