

"Bless the LORD, o my soul, and forget not all His benefits". Psalm 103:2

**SPRING, 2019**

Dear Faithful Supporters,

Easter Sunday we had a beautiful worship service and also celebrated Communion. It is such a wonder to consider God's love to us expressed through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior. We trust this also was a day of celebration and rejoicing for each of you with your loved ones.

**FAMILY** - It is with exceeding gratefulness to God that we announce the upcoming commencement ceremony of our son on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Pensacola Christian College in Florida. Jason will receive a Bachelor in Business Management/Administration and Associate Degree in Marketing. We thank each of you who have part in this accomplishment through prayer and financial support. We thank God for His amazing love and faithfulness!



**MINISTRY** - After the presidential election in Brazil at the beginning of the year, there was a great surge of violence throughout the country, especially in our state. The new president's stricter laws against corruption and crime, caused the drug dealers in the prisons to order attacks in our city and entire state. Meetings had to be cancelled because city busses were being burned. The city became a place of chaos as these attacks were prevalent. Dynamite was used to damage overpasses and bridges. Government buildings and even public schools throughout our state were set on fire. With the arrival of military troops the situation was brought under control. There still are rumors of more attacks, but we pray this will not occur. Last week while we were eating lunch, several gun shots were fired when the police was pursuing a car, and the marks of the gun shots were left behind on the wall.

Besides all this violence, there is another type of violence taking place in the pulpits of many churches against the Gospel. We have received people who were from those types of churches. Recently we had a family visit us that had not been attending church for over a year. They shared how the heresies being taught were unacceptable. Pray for this family and others being reached in that neighborhood.



God has blessed the soccer ministry and new doors of opportunity have opened and now we are reaching adolescents from other slums. Praise God for the specific gifts towards this ministry that made it possible to purchase soccer nets, balls, shoes and jerseys for needy youth participating in the teams. **We thank God for your fervent prayers on our behalf and for your financial support.**

Yours for the cause of Christ,  
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