

## UPDATE FOR MAY

During the 2018 Missions Conference at Frontier School of the Bible, Adam Lancaster invited me over to Brazil, so as a result, for the month of May I had in schedule to visit Aracaju, Brazil and learn about the ministry Adam is part of. Per capita, this is the most Catholic city in Brazil. It is sad to meet people who are in confusion with what a clear gospel is. It is also why Adam and his family, along with another Brazilian missionary family are being witnesses of Christ in Aracaju.

I had a desire to visit Brazil since I was sixteen years old, so I started teaching myself Portuguese until I graduated High School. The only expectations I had going to Brazil were to share about the Bible in Portuguese, and to go sightseeing in the area. Adam made sure my expectations were met, but the issue with visiting around and sightseeing was that they only had a five-passenger vehicle, and we had to fit six people in. So, the problem was solved by putting me in the trunk which made it so I could see the roof liner of the vehicle. Fortunately, I had more opportunities to visit new places.

I also got to go to a “Rodizios Churrascaria” a restaurant where roving waiters serve different cuts of meat from large skewers directly to your plate. My favorite meat was “fraudinha” which is a cut from the ventral part of the cow. For the devotional I shared, I illustrated how much I liked “fraudinha” but instead I said, “frauda” which means diaper. I ended up comparing the intensity of how much I like diapers to how much we ought to long for God’s Word. Despite the uncomfortable road trips and the language bloopers, my time in Brazil was memorable.

The Lancaster’s are at the very beginning stage of the ministry. They are focusing on building relationships and getting contacts with as many people as they can. One strategy that is being they are using is teaching English. It is amazing how many people are interested in learning English, but it is awesome to see how God can use this to draw people to Him. Through the English club, we were able to invite a number of new people to the Sunday evening services. God is at work in the lives of the people in Aracaju.

Thank you very much for praying for me and the ministry in Aracaju. For one of the services I got to share my testimony in Portuguese and got the privilege to preach the Word as well. Some witnessing opportunities were available to me as I sat in the front seat along with the Uber driver. Now I feel bad for the driver because he was stuck with me for however long it took for us to get to our destination, I guess he had no choice but to listen. I am truly grateful for your fervent prayers; I greatly appreciate your partnership. To God be the glory, for He is Almighty and Sovereign!

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