

***And now, dear children continue in Him so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming. I John 2:28,29***

Hello everyone,

Can you believe that we are already in the second month of 2020?

We ended last year with lots of activities and a visit with our granddaughter, Beca, and family for Christmas. Jess was unable to come this year because of his job. David was unable to come because he was recuperating from a broken jaw from a run in with a man because of parking space in the building where they live. Our daughter, Naomi, is planning on coming down sometime this year so we are looking forward to it.

We had a Christmas banquet and all participated as we are a small group and not too many kids, so we all had a part in the program. Was fun. The program was mostly Christmas songs and I played the accordion.

Early in January we had our VBS (Jan7-9). We averaged 55 or so for each day. We had more adolescents this year for which we are thankful. Our study was the second half of the life of Elisha. I was privileged to serve with the 4-6 yr. olds again.

An adolescent young man accepted the Lord in VBS. His family is in the church and he has been attending for some time. His name is Fagner (14). Now he is anxious to be baptized. His mom and dad were baptized a couple years ago.

We were blessed to see Valdeci accept Jesus a few Sundays ago. We have been praying for his salvation some two years or so. He said he was working and the Lord was dealing with him so he called Leandro (pastor) and told him what was going on and he gave his heart to Jesus. It was so good to hear his testimony on Sunday night. We are praying for his wife, Vanessa. He has two sons saved also. They both were saved in VBS, the youngest in my class of 4-6-year-olds a couple years ago. Names are Vitor and John.

We started our Women In Action group this month. We will resume our study in Ruth. We have plans to make crafts to sell also. Only need to know what would be best. We plan to visit the sick and widowed again this year. It is difficult to do much anymore as most of the women in our group work. But we try.

Our project with the adolescents will be starting soon and we are shorthanded for workers as one of our helpers is in Bible School and the other one will be married on May 16th. We need more ladies. We are planning a bazaar to help raise funds for the building project. There is another workday planned for the 29th of Feb and they will be doing a rough cement floor that will be painted. The pastor plans, if all goes

well, to inaugurate the building on May 9th (our anniversary service) so we can start meeting in that bldg. There is still a lot to do but he is impatient. Ha!

Skip has been complaining about pain in his rt leg lately. Says it hurts constantly. But I usually give him pain medicine and it helps some. He still does his exercises daily but is hard on the leg with the pain. He goes outside on the back porch daily and enjoys watching the birds in the trees and the cows over on the other hills. Gets a little of this scorching sunshine for about fifteen minutes a day. Most of the time he sits on the couch reading his Bible and a book about the beginning of railroads in the US. He manages to make himself understood most days and continues to speak new words in English. As always, his Portuguese is slowly coming back.

Our weather in Brazil this year has been bazar. It rains and cools off and then gets up in the high 80's and 90's. Sao Paulo has floods every week or so and people lose everything in their houses and cars go floating down the streets and the water gets as high as the windshield on big trucks. This week the railroads had to stop and the Metro had problems. The ground is waterlogged and there have been mudslides and houses crashing down to debris. It is so sad to see. Yesterday they showed trash accumulated in one of the rivers. It is not just in Sao Paulo but about six states or so around Brazil. Many have died as a result of the flooding.

Brazil has some suspects of this corona virus going around but no confirmations as yet.

We are so thankful for you in our lives. Your prayers keep us going in the work of the Lord. Thank you for your financial help also. May God bless each one richly.

**PRAISE:**

- For two souls saved in January
- For our good VBS in January
- For spiritual growth in some of our members
- For our needs being met each day - especially in our daily lives
- For revival among our members especially evangelism - that we might reach out and do our best to reach others for Christ

**PRAY FOR:**

- Skip and his needs
- Church construction - for the workdays and the workers.
- The adolescents project
- The leaders of our church - pastor and wife - Leandro and Juliana
- Leaders of the adolescents - Leandro and Juliana, Betty, Vania and Jaque who will be with us until May 16th. We will miss her!!
- New growth in the church attendance

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and giving.

Yours for Brazil,  
Betty and Skip Harkins

