

Jeremy & Joneia Bennett

Missionaries to Caxias do Sul, RS Brazil

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A Call for Courage...

One of the major themes that has been a resounding anthem in our church this year has been COURAGE. In a world that hates God, and in a culture that idolizes carnality, it requires courage to say “no” to the world, and “yes” to Jesus Christ. What we have seen in our church is that God is calling our people to be courageous. I remember on a Wednesday night, I had prepared a lesson in Nehemiah that was calling our men to be the courageous leaders that could change our culture. I got to church ready to preach God’s word... but as the service began, I noticed that there were no men in our congregation. I preached the word of God, and our ladies were certainly emboldened and encouraged by God’s word. But I went home that night and nearly began weeping. Where were our men? Why are our men unfaithful?

I’ve continued in our series in Nehemiah as well as other studies on Sundays, and through God’s word, the theme of courage just keeps coming up. And maybe our men were listening on live stream, I don’t know, but I began to notice since that Wednesday night that our people are becoming bolder. We had more stories of our people witnessing to their coworkers. One of our members told their boss “No” when they were put on the work schedule for Sunday. This member actually quit that job because this bullying had become a habit. Within two weeks, God provided a new job! Everyone told this member that they were foolish to quit their job, but God proved Himself.

And just this last Wednesday night, Joneia looked around and noticed that *every one of our men* were at the church service that night! All of them made the stand with their bosses and families and said, “We are going to church tonight.” We were so proud to see that God is touching the hearts of our men. As you think about us and pray for us, pray for Holy Spirit courage in our men to lead this church and their families, and for courage for all our members as we serve the Lord in Southern Brazil.

Joneia and I have been healthy these last few months. We had a mild winter, and a very early spring. God kept us safe as we trimmed our pecan trees and prepared our property for what looks to be a very fruitful spring. Keep praying for discipleship, for our events, and that more people will come and join us at Igreja Batista Vitória, hear the gospel, and get saved.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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Father’s day, August 10th

Praises

- Jeremy’s Portuguese continues to improve
- Our discipleship group is doing well
- God’s provision for our members
- Safety and health

Prayer Requests

- Courage in our men and our church
- Jeremy’s Portuguese
- Our discipleship group
- Continued spiritual growth



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