



News from

The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



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Dear Friends,

On November 15, 2017, we held our first major activity outside of normal church services since the end of our furlough in September. The day was a national holiday, Brazil's Declaration of the Republic day. We held a picnic on our property, with 32 in attendance. At least eleven of those have not made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The blessing of the day was soon far from our minds, as we received news later that afternoon that our youngest daughter, Katherine, had suffered a life threatening auto accident and was life flighted to a hospital in Cleveland, OH. Within 24 hrs we were boarding a plane to get to her. When we arrived in Cleveland that Friday morning, we were very happy to find our daughter released from the hospital, and we had the privilege to drive her "home" to her aunt and uncle's house. Her two week check-up showed her spleen was healing well, and didn't need any more follow ups.



Preparing the meat for the Brazilian barbeque!

We ended up spending one month Stateside to work through the situation. Health and auto insurance issues have been taken care of (the car she was driving was totaled). Katherine also decided to move back to Texas, to be nearer to her sisters and friends. We praise the Lord for His hand of protection on her, and that He has healed her well.



The congregation in our absence

The time away from the work, just two months from our return from furlough, was a time for our people to prove their love for the Savior. They kept the services going, reassuring us that they had a handle on it. God's grace was truly on them and the work. We're glad to be back, and the congregation is happy we're back too.

The year ended with two other activities. On Christmas Eve morning, we held a brunch at the new church location which was attended by 33, with six of those never having made a profession of faith. On New Year's Eve, we held a late-night service and family game time, with only 15 present. Of the 13 youth and adults present, six have not yet received Christ as Savior. At all these activities, we make it a point of giving a clear presentation of the Scriptural Truth about salvation.



Bianca playing dress-up at the Christmas brunch



Neila teaching English to Andressa and Andreia

2018 is projected to be quite busy for our ministry. Besides visitation efforts, we are now holding five services at two different locations, music lessons on Tuesday night before services, a Wednesday discipleship study, and one day a week English lessons as an outreach ministry. Neila has two young ladies, sisters, from the neighborhood of the new church plant as English students. We look forward to the day when we can share with them our faith in Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for the following:

- Evangelistic outreach ministries for the two church plants
- Church services and discipleship program
- Health and safety for our family

Your prayers are a great blessing to us; thank you! May the Lord give you, your family, and your ministry a blessed 2018!

In His service,

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