

News from

## The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



January 24, 2019

Dear friends,

This Christmas time was a personal blessing for us, as we were blessed with two of our daughters, Leila and Katie, spending a month each with us. They arrived and left at separate times, but we had them together for ten days around Christmas.

A year end evaluation of our ministry here in Caxias do Sul reveals just how much the Lord blessed in 2018. Besides having no major family crises, and that we are in good health, the ministry here has its share of blessings.

The Independent Baptist Congregation grew from just three at the beginning of the year to ten now participating. The Victory Baptist Congregation grew from thirteen participating at the beginning of 2018, to twenty-nine at the end of the year! God be praised!



Church service at VBC

With summer in full swing, attendance in church has dropped a bit. Christmas through the end of January is the main time for vacation and short trips. The weather is beautiful this time of year here in the southern hemisphere, and the kids are on summer break through the third week of February.



Jonir and family

We have a few activities planned for this first quarter of the year. Most importantly is a baptismal service. We currently have five candidates for baptism. Other activities include a two day retreat for the adolescents and youth, and two outings, one with the young single adults and the other with the youth.

John will be starting a study on Baptist distinctives with Jonir in February. Jonir and Crisleine have been faithfully attending the Independent Baptist Church for three months. They both want to serve and be a blessing for the church! Praise the Lord, for we are in dire need of more laborers here in the work.