



News from

The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



June 21, 2023

Hello, friends!

May and June were full of activity with the ministry. May started off with a makeover of the church meeting hall. Fourteen of us cleaned, painted, and re-arranged the hall to better accommodate the church services.



Mothers Day moms

On May 6th the men of the church hosted a Mother's Tea at the church. There were 28 present (though not all were moms). Three men served, making sure all went smoothly with the event. John gave a special message about the wisdom of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mother's Day itself was celebrated with a special program planned by Bro. Jeremy Bennett and his wife Joneia. The program included a song special with the kids and a Bible based reading by Joneia and Sabrina. There were 28 people present that night.

Not all of the activities in May were here in southern Brazil. On May 23rd we flew to Manaus to be a part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Bible institute founded by missionaries Cecil Henderson and Joe Hawkins (Neila's father). We had not been in Manaus for over ten years, and it was a blessing to see again friends and family. We even were blessed with the presence of our daughter Leila and her husband Conrad for the event!

While in Manaus, John preached in three churches, and translated a message for a visiting pastor from the States. One of the churches John preached at was Mt. Sinai Bible Baptist Church, a church we helped start with Joe and Elaine Hawkins back in the early 90's. What a blessing it was to even visit with two of the youth that were involved in our ministry back then!



Family reunion at the 50th Anniversary celebrations



Robson expounding on the Word

Before heading to Manaus, John's homiletics student, Robson, gave his first devotional in the services. The two Sundays we were gone, Robson continued giving the devotionals on Sunday nights. Please pray for his growth in faith and his ministerial development.

Arriving back in Caxias do Sul on June 6th, we soon were working on the preparations for our June 17th couples dinner to celebrate Brazilian Valentine's Day. What a blessing it was to have help from three church ladies with the decorations and cooking. Fifteen couples participated. The message was "The Greatest Present of Love", with the main text being John 3:16. In the past, these type of events have led to church growth. We know that at least eleven have not trusted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Please pray that the Seed planted would soon sprout!