



News from

# The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

*Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil*



October 30, 2023

Dear friends,

As a result of the youth and adults doing their part in local mission outreach, we've been witnessing God's hand in the church work. We are seeing single adults, young couples and youth walking in the will of the God. Our church services are being blessed with visitors brought by them and the Lord.

Over the last several weeks the youth have been encouraging one another to participate in more than just the youth meetings. We have a handful of youth who are now frequenting the services, that do not have parents that bring them to church. Three weeks ago we met Bruno (seventeen years old), who just showed up for the Sunday evening service and has come every Sunday since. He told us God guided him to the church; he doesn't know any of our youth. He's doing some soul searching, and Neila this past Sunday witnessed to him.



Marcia and Matheus

In regard to this past Sunday, we held a baptismal service, baptizing Robson's mom (Marcia) and his brother (Matheus) [Robson was mentioned in our August letter]. We had a packed house with fifty-seven present! Twelve were visitors. John led Marcia to the Lord on October twenty-fourth, and Matheus had already received Christ at a youth retreat of another church in August of last year. They both have a strong desire to serve the Lord and glorify Him with their lives.

Our numbers are up over the past two months in all services! In September we averaged thirty-three for our Sunday evenings, and in October the average was forty. Back in August our Sunday School average was eleven, September thirteen, and now in October it has been eighteen.

On October twelfth we held a special Children's Day event. We ended up with a record number of eighty-four, with fifty-six kids from one to fifteen years old and twenty-eight adults. We praise the Lord how everything went as planned and that we had many helpers even for cleanup.



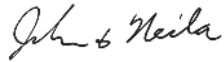
The Bennetts planned our first couples retreat which was held on October twenty-first. The theme was "Aiming for the Target". Seven couples participated. We held two teaching and one discussion session, as well as a "God and Us" time. For recreation, the couples did an art project together and we held an archery competition which required the couple to shoot the target together.

Our prayer requests are:

- Spiritual growth of the congregation
- Youth group evangelistic efforts
- Bro. Jeremy Bennett's Portuguese fluency
- Protection as foreigners here in Brazil

Thank you again for all your prayers for our family and ministry. We wish you all to have a very blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. We have so much to be thankful for, especially the great gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ!

In His service,



John & Neila Yelle

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