



June, 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers. I praise the Lord for how He has blessed and given me safety in the past months.

Our area of the world has been hit hard by the Covid-19 Virus and watching the news is discouraging but the Lord has given us grace through it all. The situation is much the same all over the world as far as the Lord`s work is concerned, with public services canceled and having to use social media to communicate with our people. The Lord is teaching us patience and encouraging us to be creative. Brazilians naturally love social media and they seem to enjoy that aspect of this time. We have seen good attendance to online services and our people filling their days with the Word of God and fellowship online. God be Praise!

My family is doing well and I have been able to spend much of my time with Leah and her family in the town of Nobres. Through Facebook and Whatsapp, from their home, I have been able to minister to several churches in this area. Their church here has been able to hold services much of the time because of little to no virus contact in this location until recently. We have just had two deaths though, in recent days, so the perils are there. I had hoped to travel back to the US for two weeks for Baby Yvette`s first Birthday on July the 12<sup>th</sup> but because of the rise in Covid-19 infections, I have decided against it.

Work on the Maranatha Baptist Camp ground is going well. In general, it is very quiet on the grounds. Each week several church men showing up to do maintenance work and prepare for future camps. I am currently at Leah`s because the capital and surrounding area are under a lock down, due to what many believe to finally be the peak of the virus activity. We trust that in the coming weeks the numbers will go down and we will be able to resume a more normal life and ministry.

Do continue to pray for me. At times I suffer from loneliness and sadness which would cripple us if the Lord`s loving arms were not ever present to lift us up. God bless you folks and may our hearts ever be turned toward the Lord.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Huestis".

Steven Huestis