



May, 2023

Dear Faithful Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for me and for the Lord's work here in Brazil. The past two months have been very busy and I praise the Lord for His protection in my life. Our BIMI field conference, in March was a wonderful blessing and it is always a joy to be with the Mission family for fellowship and good encouragement in ministry.

My travels between the Sinop and Nobres churches has continued as normal and the work of the Bible Institute has gone well on Mondays and Thursdays each week. Thirteen students have faithfully attended and the classes in Systematic Theology and Synthesis of the Old Testament have been a real blessing. Both churches were praying and waiting for word from the pastors who visited them in January and when they received the letters, they were somewhat discouraged to hear that neither of them felt the Lord's leadership to move out to our area of Brazil at this time. Of course God's timing and purposes are what matter and they are learning to wait on the Lord. Pray for Godly leadership and for wisdom and guidance as we labor to prepare leaders within the churches to be able to faithfully conduct the work of the Lord.

In each city we have also focused on teaching youth and in the Nobres church there are three young couples preparing for marriage, so we have sought to prepare them in establishing sound Christian homes.

Easter Sunday, I ministered in Sinop and had the privilege of baptizing five young people who had been disciplined by one of our promising preacher boys, what a blessing! April 20-22, we helped get our young people to and from Youth camp in the capital. I also organized the Bible memorization competition which was a special blessing hearing young people quote the Word of God.

We started May with a day of retreat for our men at Maranatha Baptist Camp, and I spoke on Treasuring Our Wives from 1 Peter 3:7. For Mother's Day I was in Sinop for a blessed celebration of motherhood where I taught from Titus and Preached on Rahab, Joshua 2 and 6.

Do be in prayer for Ladies Retreat on the 26th and 27th of this month. Also pray for the Children's and Adolescent's Camp on June 8-10 at Maranatha Baptist Camp in the capital. I will be helping in the latter.

Please be in prayer for my plans for a furlough, August through October. I will be making contacts in the coming weeks through the Magic Jack phone, (850) 725-2009. Pray also for the final classes of the institute at the end of July and for my travels in the next two months.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to the Lord's work.

In Christ,

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