



January 13th, 2025

Dear Supporters, Family, and Friends,

We trust you had a very Merry Christmas, and we pray that 2025 may be the best year of our lives as we continue to serve the Lord wherever He has placed us!

Things here in Brazil are going well. Praise the Lord. We had a blessed end of 2024 filled with church activities and many blessings, including family camp, a Christmas cantata, and special services. We've also had the privilege of participating in the inauguration of the new church plant headed by my Uncle David Barrett. We are excited to see the Lord working in so many ways and to see Him continue to save souls.



We have also been able to witness to several people during our first months here. Brazil is a very religious country; many people gladly accept gospel tracts but are also very confused. Even those who would call themselves "evangelicals" when asked if they were saved will answer with the date of their baptism. One woman even told me that she knew she was genuinely saved because she wasn't baptized in a pool but in a gorgeous waterfall in São Paulo. Please pray for wisdom and boldness so we can preach the gospel and make "known the mystery of the gospel" here in Brazil.

Another man I was able to talk to told me he was saved but asked me why, even though we are children of God, we still suffer here on this earth. I spent time with him, encouraging him in the Word of God, and we ended our time praying together. When he left, he had tears in his eyes and thanked me for comforting him in the Lord that day. It was such a blessing to be a spiritual help to that man.

We continue to wait on the Lord for the approval of our building project. At the end of the year, we had a change of local government, which we pray may not delay the approval even more. But we trust in the Lord and His timing.

Please continue to pray for Abigail and Baby Hannah. Abby is in her last month of pregnancy, and we are preparing for the arrival of our little one. They are both in excellent health, and we can't wait to hold our baby in our arms.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. We never cease to thank the Lord for bringing you into our lives and ministry. May He continue to bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Joyfully in Christ,

Stephen, Abigail, and Hannah Barrett

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