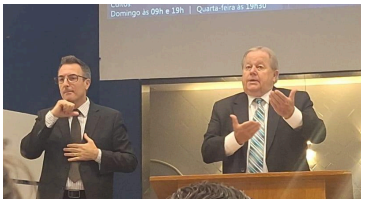


Dear Friends and Faithful Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ! We hope this letter finds you doing well. As I sit in my office, I find myself reflecting on what has happened over the past few months. How can we prepare the harvest for the harvest? I have been meditating on John 15 for several months and memorizing John 15:5 to remind myself of these words:

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing."***



At the end of July and into August, our sending church team came to Brazil with Pastor Reggie! They first visited the city where Brother Carl Johnson serves to preach at the church's tenth anniversary celebration. Afterward, they came to visit us here in Goiânia for seven days. We were so blessed to have them with us, and their visit greatly encouraged us! During their stay, six people came to know the Lord as their Savior.

In our last letter, I mentioned Odilene, who decided to join our church. She was one of the six people who accepted the Lord as her Savior that day and received assurance of her salvation. Please pray for these new believers as they begin their walk with the Lord, that they will be planted in good soil and grow spiritually. Please also pray for us as we continue to follow up with them and help them grow in the Lord.

In our last letter, I mentioned that I was discipling a couple one night a week and three men on different nights. On Saturdays, I also disciple a young man named Samuel, who accompanied me while our church team was here.

One day, Lucas Jose saw me talking with the other men about discipleship and giving them papers. He came to me and said that he wanted me to teach him, too. After praying about it, I decided to let him join one of the nights when I disciple an older couple. I hope this couple will be a good influence on Lucas Jose. Now I have seven disciples!

Teaching and feeding these seven disciples is both a great responsibility and a great blessing. John 15:5 reminds me that ***without the Lord Jesus Christ, we can do nothing.*** If we do not abide in Christ, we cannot bear fruit. I cannot disciple them without abiding in the Lord Jesus Christ, and they must also abide in Him to bear fruit in their lives. Without Him, our church cannot bear the spiritual fruit we desire to see.

I need His strength and wisdom, along with much prayer, as I seek to prepare these men for the harvest. I can only plant the seed and water it through the Word of God; the Lord must help them grow. Please pray with me that the Lord will continue teaching them, helping them grow in their faith, and preparing them to become faithful disciples who will reach others for Him in this city.

This year, two Deaf individuals, Jaiter and Ana, passed away. Although we miss them, the Lord gave us opportunities to share the Gospel, and through Jaiter's passing, his mother-in-law and brother-in-law came to know the Lord as their Savior.

We cannot believe that this coming December will mark four years since we began serving here in Goiânia! We are now planning our furlough for next year. We are praying that the Lord will provide the full support we need so that we can return to Brazil and continue the ministry He has called us to do.

Please pray with us that the Lord will guide us, provide for our needs, and continue working in the hearts of the people here. We will be sending separate letters with more information about our furlough plans. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord continue to use us all to prepare the harvest for His glory!

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