



The HUGGINS FAMILY

Missionaries to **BRAZIL**



I Corinthians 3:7
So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

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First of all, we thank you for your prayers for us these past few months, and we know through them the Lord has helped us to find a place to live here in Camboriú. There are many details I won't go into but we have been trying to find a more longterm residence since January, and in March, we had a long delay in our search because of the situation of my brother's passing. After many discouraging attempts to get a place to live, for one reason or another negotiations failed. Later we were glad to see in most cases that the Lord was protecting us from bad landlords, potential scams or fraud, health or safety concerns and other problems that would occupy much of our time to resolve. But praise the Lord we finally have an apartment to rent and the lady who helped us find it is now part of our church!

In our prolonged search for a place to live we met a realtor named **Magda**, the lady mentioned above. We invited her to our church and she was glad to hear about our ministry in Brazil because she just recently left the Catholic church trying to understand salvation and also looking for answers to problems in her life. I am sure the Lord put us in contact with her for these things and since that time she is now become a regular at our church and more importantly, her doubts about her salvation are cleared up. She is growing and has a strong desire for her family to be saved also. One of her sons named, **Calvin**, sat with me one afternoon for over 3 hours discussing salvation and other things of the Bible he had questions about. He also was confused about salvation but he now has assurance and has frequently been to church as well. I believe these two may have been saved before but I am not sure they completely understood salvation because of their religious background. Praise the Lord they know they are saved now!

Our church is doing well and the Lord is blessing. Since we now have Magda and Calvin and 2 other new converts who are wanting to get baptized, Lord willing we will have our first baptisms in July once some details get arranged. Also we are having at least 2 or 3 new visitors every week. Some come back off and on but most belong to the Assembly of God church and don't like our traditional music service so they don't return. On another good note happening amongst our people, is that 2 young men have let me know they believe the Lord is calling them into the ministry, one to missions and the other to be a pastor. All these things are motivating for our church to start seeing with the baptisms coming up, more people attending regularly, and the spiritual growth happening among the people.

In April we had a special Easter morning service with a big meal and evangelizing in the park behind our church afterwards. It was an extra blessing because the most eager ones to go soul winning were the new converts, Jhon (Jhonkehiber) and his family. We passed out tracts, and John and Romans that afternoon to many people who were open to listen to what Easter is really about. Since then we have set a regular time for evangelizing as a church on Thursdays and we are having around 5 or 6 going out with us every week. Most people we deal with are Pentecostal like Rodrigo, a son of a Pentecostal pastor and Duílio, an Assembly of God preacher who were both hoping to go to heaven... **(Continue Page 2)**



~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

- God's help with pastoring & preaching in Portuguese
- Continued encouragement and growth of our church
- New convert's growth & their families' salvation

~ THANKSGIVINGS ~

- Souls are getting saved & the church is growing
- We have a place to live now near our church
- The brethren that help us here in the ministry

... and sincerely listened to what the Bible says about the eternal security of the believer. Others are Catholics who live near our church like Fernando, Marcos, Maria, Carlos, Lucia and João to name a few who have listened well to the gospel. We pray God continues to work on their hearts and we get another opportunity to deal with them. Most of these have promised to visit our church and some have and so we ask for prayer for these to consider what they have heard and get saved.

One of the frequent things we have done as a church is complete some of the construction projects on our church building that have been needed since it was built. Working on these projects, I have learned a lot about Brazilians but more importantly I've spent a lot of time with the men of the church. This has been a great time of fellowship outside of the services and evangelism settings and I believe it has helped us settle into the church. After finishing some renovations, in May we had a special Mother's Day service and the men grilled at the church for all the ladies. This was a good opening for our church families to invite their relatives. Several of them did and we had almost 40 people come. In particular we had 5 Haitian visitors, one had just arrived from Haiti a month ago and others have not been to a Baptist church in their lives. They all heard a clear gospel message and also we were able to give them and the other visitors Bibles. Please pray for the salvation of these Haitian immigrants.

Another encouraging thing happened for our church that we have prayed for since arriving. We now have a piano player, but unfortunately it was through a disappointment for a Brazilian pastor friend. He had a struggling church about 20 minutes away that eventually disbanded. Thankfully God's work continues even though these things happen and his family now plays music for our midweek services. He is a good soul winner and early in June he gave a two week course on the fundamentals to evangelizing and it was really good to see a Brazilian encourage his own people to get the gospel out. We gave out scripture bumper stickers that a brother from the US kindly sent us and each person received some evangelizing material and a discipleship program they could use with their family, friends and neighbors. A few of our members already told me they plan to use this material on some of their families and so we are glad they now have a little more confidence to witness.

In closing, we are very happy and relieved to finally have a place to live near our church and we are especially thankful to you all for your prayers for this process. This letter is getting out later than we planned due to our move from São Paulo being much more hectic than I imagined, but we praise God for keeping us safe in all the travels and getting all our things here. The first weeks of June were spent packing, traveling, moving, and recovering from a stomach virus. So the rest of June's report will be in our next letter. We cannot thank you all enough for your prayers, encouragement, and support!

We greatly appreciate what you all do for us so we can serve the Lord here in Brazil!

— Sincerely in Christ, the Huggins Family - Michael, Lydia & Elaina

