



# 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.

January - March 2022

Greetings from the Huggins family in Brazil. These last three months have been very exciting seeing the Lord work in our new church in the Brazilian state of Santa Catarina but there has also been some real sorrow along with the joy. Many of you already know, but in late February my brother Bryan was placed in ICU with organ failure in Pensacola, FL. With many of you praying, in the next several days we saw the Lord open doors for him to go to Gainesville to get a liver transplant. However, after a few days there he declined rapidly due to 2 very potent infections the medical team could not control especially with the extra complications with his organs. We got the sad news on March 2nd that he went home to heaven but the Lord gave us all peace throughout the situation. We were able to make some last minute arrangements so we could go to Florida for the funeral and my mother-in-law and my mom kindly paid for our travel expenses. I was able to preach his funeral and from his wife's family there were at least 20 unsaved present that heard the gospel preached. One in particular was my brother's 20 year old step-son **Derek**. He was already asking questions about the Bible and my mom was able to deal with him even more after the funeral. He is still interested but he is not saved yet so we ask prayer for Derek and for salvation of all the lost that were at the funeral. Thank you all so much for your prayers, kindness, and encouragement during this time!



Igreja Batista Bíblica em Camboriú

We are back in Brazil with our church now after our short 6 day visit but we ended up being gone over 2 weeks because of the travel days and 5 day quarantine in São Paulo. So needless to say, March was a tiring month both emotionally and physically but thankfully we have had a lot of help. One of the couples, Zack and Rafaella that went to our church years ago recently returned and they have been helping with various things at church and the pastor that invited us here also helped out when we were gone. The trip would not have been possible without them so we thank God He has already given us some fellow-labors to help in the Lord's work here in Santa Catarina.



Since we arrived in early January we have seen visitors come every week and a few of them have stayed with us. The church has already grown from the 10 people that were already here to around 30 people that regularly attend each service. One of the families that began coming are Venezuelans. On a Thursday in February, I had preached a salvation message with them in mind and on the following Saturday the church prepared a special service with dinner and several guest pastors to welcome us to the church. Afterwards the man that originally invited them dealt with **Jhon** (Jhonkehiber) and **Maria** about salvation and they both accepted Christ!!! It was a great blessing and encouragement to us all. While we were back in Florida they both publicly professed their conversion and have been faithfully coming so we will hopefully ...**(Continue Page 2)**

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

- God's help with pastoring & preaching in Portuguese
- Finding a place to live so we can focus more on the church
- Jhon and Maria growth & their families' salvation

~ THANKSGIVINGS ~

- Souls are getting saved & the church is growing
- Great opportunity to minister in Santa Catarina
- The brethren that help us here in the ministry

...have our first baptism soon once they get discipled so they clearly understand baptism. Please pray for their growth and also for their daughter, Lucia and mother, Malikah to get saved.

Not long after Jhon's conversion he asked for prayer for his brother, **Antonio**, who was hit by a car while riding his bicycle and was about to get out of the hospital. Jhon was concerned for his salvation so later that week I visited him and had a good time witnessing to him and getting him to consider what would have happened if he had been killed in the accident. Antonio listened really well but he still is not saved so please pray he remains receptive and gets saved.

Around the same time that happened a few days before we flew out to Florida, I had received a call one morning from one of the men, named Diogo, that had helped out our church when they were without a pastor. He had just found out that his dad had just shot and killed himself in front of his mom. The tragedy on top of it all was that he was a lost Catholic and his mom a few hours before was talking to him about salvation. After the funeral another brother from our church and I visited him and we felt hopeless in our efforts to bring comfort other than just being there with him in his grief. It was a reminder how true it is that the Lord's return is a comfort in the sorrow of a believer's passing but there is only sorrow for the lost.

These last 3 months have been the busiest since we have arrived in Brazil. We have had a lot of challenges and adjustments while trying to help revive this church, continue learning Portuguese, searching for a place to live, and spending over 2 weeks in the car or in the air traveling. The encouraging thing is that we have seen a lot happen from our efforts. Our church has grown in various ways, they are inviting friends and family, the



people are interested in learning more Bible, and they are wanting to get involved more in missions. Our first missionary, an Argentinian named Davi Alvarez, presented his work in March. He was converted and trained by an American missionary and now he is starting a church in an Argentinian state bordering Brazil that only has liberal and Baptist churches in the convention. He travels almost 2 hours to have outdoor services for about 15-20 people on land that was donated for their church. Our church was excited for his work, gave a good offering, and afterward some of the men talked to me about taking a trip there to help them with their building. This was very encouraging to hear because we are very blessed to already have a building that some churches from the US helped build, and so now they are wanting to do the same for others that don't have what they were given. It is good to see that although many things fail in the ministry, true charity for others "...seeketh not her own,..." continues in others. This desire is something our church has been without for almost 5 years and so we pray they will continue to be excited about missions.

Finally, we would especially like prayers for us to find a place to live. It has taken up a lot of our time and energy lately. This is because Camboriú, the city our church is in, is near a tourist area in Brazil so almost everything is rented out to tourists only for short term. Because of this we have changed apartment 5 times, these moves along with our two trips back to São Paulo and the US has made things very hectic while trying to settle and minister in the church. The tourist season is finally over so we have many more options and I believe we will have something soon but we want to find the right place for us that will be a help while we minister here. We cannot thank you all enough for your prayers, encouragement, and support! We hope these reports are an encouragement and a blessing for you all to know that you are part in what the Lord is doing here with our family.

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