



# 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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To all the praying and supporting brethren, we are thankful for your part in what we are seeing the Lord do here in Brazil. We are making good memories as the Lord meets with us during our services and we are glad He is blessing our efforts in our little corner of Brazil. Some of our church people have been wanting a little more than the weekly church services and so with prayer and care we added some things. The last few months our church has mainly been adjusting to a new Sunday school service, study groups and evangelism outings. Most everyone is enjoying these additions and we pray these things keep our people encouraged and strengthened in their spiritual lives. Many of them are already very busy during the week but the ones that are able to sacrifice some of their free time to participate in the Bible studies or evangelizing have seen God working in their lives for good. Our prayer is that this church will be blessed as it continues to bring God glory in its labor and that it stays focused on eternal rewards.

In August we started men's study group twice a month. It has been good to see a few of the men who feel the Lord is calling them into the ministry be faithful to these studies and they are eager to do more. On our Thursday evangelism before church, one of the men in our study group got to lead a man named **Guilherme** to Christ. This was very exciting to hear and it was a good encouragement for our church. Many others over the weeks have also listened with interest to the gospel but one older Catholic man in particular named **Agostinho** has received a witness many times. He always listens well and each time we deal with him he seems closer to getting saved, but sadly he still is rooted in his catholic faith even though he knows there is major problems in Catholicism. Please pray for the growth of Guilherme, and also for these others who were very open to the gospel: Mateus, Daniel, Ian and also for Agostinho to get saved.

One of the most encouraging responses to these added functions was with the monthly teen meeting. My wife taught them how to make candles and used that as an object lesson of a Christian being a light to this world for Jesus. It went really well with the gospel being clearly given to these teens. They enjoyed their time at the event and since then our teens have been very faithful to church and are looking forward to inviting more of their friends to the next event. We also had a special meeting for the ladies of our church and it was very edifying to them. They have since been ...**(Continue Page 2)**



~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

- God's help with pastoring & preaching in Portuguese
- Our church & the new convert to strengthen & grow
- Elaina's health & wisdom raising her in Brazil

~ THANKSGIVINGS ~

- Seeing souls saved & good witnessing opportunities
- New service and church functions are a blessing
- The opportunity to help the Afghan refugees

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... more interested and active in what is happening in the church. Overall these functions we added have been a spiritual boost to our church and we pray the Lord continues to give wisdom on how to lead His people to have a closer walk with Him. It sometimes can be challenging dealing with a different culture in church when I spent most my life in American churches. Because of this, our time in our church in São Paulo was invaluable and I still thank the Lord for the opportunity to learn so many things there.

An update on the Afghan refugees we asked prayer for in the past, they are doing well and we have been able to spend some more time with them trying to encourage them and learn more about their situation in Afghanistan. We also received the Bibles Bro. Nico Verhoef sent to us and we were able to get those to several of the refugee families. Thank you for your prayers for this. The Afghan brother also told us that they knew of 28 more new converts that were getting baptized in the following weeks and that they would then need to leave the country because of the persecution there against the Christians. A few weeks ago I was put in contact with 3 of them and we were able to help them get settled here in Brazil.



It is a long story but briefly we spent several days and nights trying to get them out of the São Paulo airport and to a refugee camp about 6 hours away. On the way, they were hit by a semi truck and had to go to the hospital for examination, thank God no one was seriously hurt even though the car they were in was totally demolished. Several brethren in our church back in São Paulo were helping in the situation and it has awakened them to the persecution that some of our brethren face and it has created a thankfulness for liberty and desire to use it for the Lord. They have sacrificed so much for their testimony for Christ. But even in that they know God is with them wherever they go and their strong testimony is being used to motivate us and bring a more grateful spirit to us Christians around them. Please continue to pray for God's grace for these Afghan brethren as their lives have drastically changed and that we can be a help to them in both their spiritual and physical needs.



On a personal note we are adjusting well to the ministry here and life in the south of Brazil. We ask for prayer for our daughter, Elaina, because she will be starting school early next year and we want the Lord to guide us to the right place for her to learn and for wisdom in general in raising a child on the mission field. Also for her health, she has had various illnesses lasting weeks over the past several months. I am happy to have a family that serves with me here, it is a great blessing and we all really appreciate your prayers especially for them to be strengthened in their part of the ministry here as well.

We thank you all for your faithfulness in your prayers and support! We are very thankful we have this opportunity to serve here in Brazil!

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