



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.

June - July 2022

Greetings from Southern Brazil and thank you all for your prayers and support! We are now in the winter months and the weather here is bringing back memories of Florida. We had a hail storm last month and recently a cyclone blew through our area and we were without power for about three days. In Florida this was expected during hurricane season but what has made it very different here is that we live 12 floors up and that is a lot of stairs to climb. Thankfully no real damage was done in the area but we did have some problems with our church roof that were made worse since the storms. We are hoping to have it repaired soon so we can begin renovating our Sunday school rooms that are in really poor condition with mold and water damage. Our church people are very grateful for your part in making it possible to have these much needed building repairs done.

In June we had the Lord's supper for the first time since I have been pastor and we were glad to see the church was almost full. Even though we are happy to see the growth in attendance we are glad we can say there is also spiritual growth. One of the highlights of last month was Magda and her son Calvin, who had gotten saved a few months ago, both wanted to get baptized. The Lord worked in the entire situation and it was a big encouragement for our church. When discipling them at their apartment before the baptisms I had a chance to answer several questions from her Catholic mom named **Inêz**. She sat with us for almost an hour and listened to the gospel. She told Magda she is searching for the truth about salvation and does not have much confidence in the Catholic Church anymore. Please pray for her salvation.

We are still praying for Magda's family to get saved, they are mostly Catholic but are now interested in what happened to her since she got saved. In July she asked prayer for one of her friends **Elineu** that was very sick and was admitted to the hospital in another city. We prayed for her recovery and also her salvation. Praise the Lord the very next week Magda came to church with the great news that she had visited her and she ended up praying with her for salvation! Please pray for Magda because she still has things from her old life to work through but she loves the Lord and has a desire to do right. Also, pray for her other 2 sons that live in Florida, **Mikael** and **Bryan** who are not saved. Calvin has just moved there too so pray he stays strong and is a good testimony and witness to them.

Another man that has recently been coming is Miguel. He is from Chile and has been saved for a while but mainly went to Pentecostal churches. He really enjoys our church and has let me know that he would like to do more to serve the Lord. He is seeking to know if the Lord is calling him ...**(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
- Our church's first baptism
- The opportunity to help the refuge family

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... to preach and we are going to have him preach a short sermon for us along with a few of the other men in our church with similar burdens, hopefully in September. Please pray that the Lord direct these men in his will.

One of the blessings we had in June was getting to meet one of the refuge families of Christians that missionary Bro. Nico Verhoef has been helping to flee from Afghanistan. Their kindness was amazing as even though they left everything, they offered us some of the last pieces of their homeland they had of dried fruits, nuts and tea. We had a good time of fellowship and it was humbling to see videos of their church services and baptisms in a place where there is not liberty like we have here in Brazil and in the US. We have been able to help them with settling in Brazil and since they come from a very hot climate, our church was able to buy them some clothes for the colder weather here along with help with rent and food. Most of the day to day help comes from a ministry in the city they live in about 3 hours away from us that specifically helps refugees adapt and they do a lot for this family. They are taking Portuguese lessons and even though some of them know 5 languages including English, they have told me that learning Portuguese is very difficult for them. We are in contact with another family but they are about 14 hours away and so we have been limited in how we can help them. Please pray for them to adapt to life here, learn the language and for God to give them grace as they start their lives over in a strange country. Also, Bro. Verhoef is sending Bibles for them so please pray they arrive without any trouble and we can get them to these families who have been through so much.



Our evangelism as a church is going very well and our people are giving reports weekly on the good witnessing opportunities they are having in the park by our church. Many of these people live nearby and we see them often and have had multiple chances to deal with them. Several have prayed with us for the Lord to show them the truth about salvation and we are hoping they will soon get saved. Specifically **Pedro** who is a EMT with a background in the Assembly of God church and **Anderson** who works a dangerous job on an oil rig and is a Catholic. We have also started to do some house visitation and in August we are planning to start some public street ministry as a church that is a really big step for most of the people here who have never done anything like this. But they are making small steps towards this though as some of our people have scripture stickers and magnets on their cars, refrigerators and front doors that a brother in Tennessee made and sent to us. Please pray the Lord gives us wisdom in these things and He continues to give boldness to our people to take the truth outside to the public to those who will not come to hear the word of God in church.

Also, please pray for a realtor named **Guilherme**, who a few years ago was faithful in our church but fell into bad company and ruined his testimony. I counseled with him for several hours and he was encouraged by it. Lord willing he and his wife will begin coming to church again and will have the help of the brethren now as he tries to live for the Lord. We are happy to be here to do these things for the Lord and I am reminded of all the brethren that have influenced, guided, counseled and been a good testimony to me for years. I am very thankful for them and we hope to do the same for some of these here in Brazil. 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