

# 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.



March - April 2024

Greetings from the recently expanded Huggins family in Brazil!

In the last months we have had several births occur and each of them were a great blessing! One was a physical birth of our 2nd daughter and the others were spiritual births. First we would like to thank everyone for your prayers for Lydia's pregnancy and delivery. On April 23rd at 1:43am Lydia gave birth to Julia Rose Valentina 8lbs13oz by natural birth without complications. We arrived at the hospital late at night and 3 hours later Julia was born! God gave Lydia a lot of grace since the delivery progressed so quickly that there was no time for her to receive any pain medication. Lydia did great during the delivery but it was very painful for her and I have new respect for what women do in bearing children. The suffering that is involved is severe and I am grateful for the women who endure it. We are so thankful to have our new daughter, she is an answer to prayer and is already a joy to have with us each day. In the spiritual aspect it makes me more thankful for the suffering Jesus endured to give us the new birth and that we get to be in Brazil to tell others about that new life.



The other births in the last few months were spiritual. We had special Easter services in March and 2 mothers of our folks came and heard about the importance of the resurrection of Jesus from the Bible. At the invitation **Felismina** and **Maria Francisca** both trusted Christ as their Savior!! Felismina was a Catholic since a child and Maria was an agnostic non-religious person, and their children were the first ones saved in their family. These two had been praying for their salvation for many years and this answer to prayer was really motivating to our church since these mothers have been on our church prayer list for about two years now. It was also a needed encouragement to us all to know God's blessing was with us since we just had church trouble with the former song leader taking a few of our people out of our church just a few weeks before. This was the best thing that I know of that could happen after strife in the church and that is to be refocused on the purpose why we must continue as believers together; to try to glorify God, edify the saints and evangelize the sinner.



Maria and Felizmina

Another young man named **João dos Santos** who had been coming to church often finally got saved in April 2 days before Lydia had Julia. He had heard the gospel many times at our church but in the service he began to weep and after the invitation Bro. Beto and I were able to lead him to the Lord!! We started a discipleship study with him and he is now in church every...**(Continue Page 2)**



João & Bro. Beto

### ~ THANKSGIVINGS ~

- A healthy baby, pregnancy & delivery on April 23
- Salvation of Felismina, Maria & João
- Our various Bible studies are going well

### ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

- Health and development of Julia and Lydia's recovery
- Spiritual growth of our new converts
- Stability & growth in our church in Camboriú



...service he does not have to be at work. He lives with his grandmother named Elizabete who is saved and also goes to our church but they just moved 30 minutes away to get a more affordable place. She has brought several lost relatives to church and to the youth events and we are praying for the salvation of



Bible study in Braços

these. We hope to have more opportunities to evangelize these when we do Bible studies there since it is now much more difficult for them to attend because of the distance.

Some of the other converts in a nearby town of Braços I mentioned last letter are growing and we are doing Bible studies with them as well. Bela went with her family to another church last month and was baptized. We hope to soon be able to baptize her brother João and also the other João who recently got saved. The plan was to go to the river near their town but the weather has gotten cold here and it may be later this year. The last few

meetings we have set in the town have been postponed due to weather or other reasons. But once our family's schedule adjusts with the new baby we will then return to having open air meetings in their town again.



Adriano  
Fagner

On Tuesday nights in our church we have started a study verse by verse on the book of Revelation. This is also a time to train the men and women in our church on delivering devotions, Sunday school lessons and preaching for the men. Two of these men Adriano and Fagner have been faithful and shown growth but sadly both faltered in the last months. They both come from a life with the gangs in the state south of us and came to our city to get away from that life. One left to help in a domestic dispute with his family in a city 8 hours away and we advised him to pray with patience and have the police handle the matter. But he did not listen and in a few days he ended up in jail. The other made some bad decisions over several weeks and ended up with his wife leaving him. Then he got in a near fatal accident on his bicycle but thankfully only broke his arm, and afterwards he lost his job and apartment he was renting. Praise the Lord he took this as God's correction and has been faithful in church since. Now his wife returned, he has a new job and another place to live. It involved a lot of time dealing with these problems especially during the days Lydia had started labor but it was a blessing to see several brothers and sisters in church help out a lot with these two stray sheep.



Again we appreciate all your prayers and support for us. It has been a very different and unique experience to have a baby in a foreign country. Also several other challenges in the ministry seemed to intensify around the same time but we have seen the Lord get us through them all. We love what we do here, it's a privilege but the missionary life can be challenging. We know it would be impossible without your commitment in prayer and support so we are very glad we can do our part of the great commission here in Brazil and we are truly thankful for you doing your part where you are.

As always our family and the brethren here in Camboriú are very grateful for your support and prayers for our ministry in Brazil!

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