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Dear prayer partners,

"It's been two months since I've lied!"

These past three months have brought many moments of joy while balancing the busy months of summer ministry and resting. Towards the end of December, we had an intern, Johnny, come work with us from the Bible college in Curitiba. He was here the year before for a month, and this time around it was ten weeks. The Rings and I have all been encouraged by his testimony, heart for evangelism, and ministry help in all the areas at church.

Bible studies – VBS -- Salvation

Early January, Antonio (11) and his cousin Guilherme (9) were presented with the gospel by Johnny while Tammy, Pamela, and I began a Bible study with Lisiane (Antonio's mom) in her home. We received Lisiane's contact through Maria Helena, the lady I have had numerous Bible studies with. We asked Johnny to organize our January VBS as part of his internship. In place of a daily missionary story, he asked five different missionaries to share about missions. I was also given a day to share my testimony. On my day, I decided to present my testimony through a skit, highlighting key moments such as placing my faith in Christ and my call to serve in missions. During the skit, I had two boys and a girl pretend they were going to church with their mom, participating in children's church and listening to an invitation as the preacher spoke about salvation. At the invitation, the little girl (representing me) raised her hand. Unexpectedly, someone else raised their hand... Guilherme, confusing momentarily the skit with his interest in getting saved. We were able to lead Guilherme to Christ that day!

We weren't sure when, or if, Antonio might have made the same decision, but he clearly understood the gospel and was very interested in learning more. During a Bible study we were having with his mom, Lisiane, he shared

with us that it had **been two months since he had stopped lying!** It was a bit amusing to hear

his declaration, and we investigated a little with questions regarding his salvation. He stated he prayed to receive the Lord and his sacrifice for him the first day Johnny had shared the gospel, which had been...about two months before. Please pray for Lisiane (salvation), and Antonio and Guilherme for spiritual growth.

We have been meeting with Nilce each week, a lady we have worked with on and off for the past five to six years, using our chronological Bible study. Our church recently began teaching this series on Thursday nights, and we are encouraged to see Nilce open to attending this mid-week service. We are praying that she will understand her personal need for salvation.

Summer Music Camp

A year or two ago, we created a music camp for the kids in our church. This year, as we thought through the goal of this ministry, we wanted the music camp to be geared to everyone in our church: kids, teens, adults, and seniors. Pastor Mike invited Johnny to preach the Sunday before the music camp to encourage the members to come. He spoke on "Missed Opportunities" and how every person can offer themselves to the Lord to learn something new, even music. Monday and Tuesday, we saw our adults and seniors filter into our sessions – Basics for Reading Music, Vocal Technique/Choir, and Song-leading. It was also a blessing to see our "littles" class bloom in confidence, learning rhythms, piano notes, and songs.

One of these littles is a young girl named Yasmin (6). Her older sisters, Angel (10) and Alvina (11), are growing up with a bed-laden grandmother and a struggling home life.

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Alvina placed her faith in Christ last year and eagerly comes to church, helps in areas she sees she can, and encourages her sisters to attend services. She has her own struggles, but I invite you to pray that these girls would be faithful to services, for clarity regarding their salvation as each has made professions, and for obedience at home and grace for their struggles. I think they have been coming for five or six months.

As we moved into February, the teens focused on selling cakes and cookies to pay for camp. We went to areas with many stores, and the Lord provided buyers. The teens also gave out tracts and John and Romans to those we interacted with. When we ran out of tracts, one of our adults showed a great way to share the gospel with our clients. The question, "Could I share a verse with you before I leave?" was always answered with a "yes," and quoting John 14:6 often led to conversation about the gospel. Pray for our teens to also grow in sharing their faith!

Camp was amazing. The Lord brought Camps Abroad from The Wilds to come to give our counselors a "refresher" session and participate in our camp this year. The preaching, the guidance in our counselor meetings, and their example all helped our group refine our focus and learn how to create more opportunities to speak into the lives of the youth. Please, please pray for Anne, a teen who went from our church. She is struggling with the fear of being bullied if she places her faith in Christ.

Last week we had our bi-weekly English Service and welcomed (just) two regular participants, Nicky and his mom, Raquel. After singing some songs, Br. Mike recounted how we had met them many years ago through a fellow missionary and asked Raquel if she remembered the conversation she had with the missionary's wife regarding salvation. She said she did remember. This was when she had prayed to receive the Lord. We asked Nicky if he had ever made this decision. He said that when he was a child, he realized he needed to pray to receive Christ, and that he prayed while he was by himself. It was important to hear these testimonies; neither has consistently come to church through these years, but it looks like we may have two baby Christians. Please pray for Nicky, Raquel, and Marcos, his dad/her husband.

Earlier this month, we had the Rubem Berta Evangelistic Outreach. This outreach is where all our area churches choose one of our churches to do a major blitz of the area for an entire week. A group from our church came out 2-3 times to help canvas these areas. At the end of the week, we were encouraged to see a fair number of visitors come to the Saturday/Sunday night evangelistic service at a rented community building. We are praying for these seeds that were planted!

Our regional tween ministry is gaining interest among this age group (10-15), and we are seeing other churches step in to host the group. We have four from our church who participate in this ministry: Thayana, Larissa, Anne, and Alvina. I have often asked for prayer for Thayana (as this ministry was born thinking of her and another teen), and we have begun to see (as we continue to pray) an interest in serving and in joining the choir. She has often helped with those cookies for camp. Thank you for praying for her!

This letter turned out to be a bit lengthy, but thank you for reading. For a personal update, thank you for praying for my gallbladder exam. As of now, the results were favorable, and I will not need an operation. I do ask that you pray for my mom, who needs a cornea transplant in her left eye. She has a few boils that have burst in that eye. This will only be resolved by the transplant that is estimated for September/October. This May, my parents and I will come to Rafael Jr., Maryana, and Lucas' high school graduation. We appreciate prayers for us as we prepare to travel.

In my last update, I shared that I will not be able to do a furlough (which would normally take place this year). I am available to do a video update or send a video out in lieu of this current situation, where I am caring for my parents. I will be contacting each church in this regard. Thank you for uplifting this corner of Brazil and praying for the various ministries over these past three months.

In Christ,
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Johnny, Teens, and Myself



Adults and Teens in Music Reading Class



Camps Abroad: Dan Brooks and translator Mike Martin



Regional Tween Outreach



Helping Evangelistic Outreach at Rubem Berta

Thay Helping with Cookies



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