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Dear Prayer Partners,

October 31, 2023

September proved to be a trying month at the church in Jd. Varginha. For the past several months churches in Jd. Varginha have been targeted for break-ins. We, unfortunately, have been included in the group. It seems that no matter what we do it is to no avail. The thieves have cut through security bars to gain access to whatever they can carry off. Even after installing a security system with cameras the thieves have been undeterred. Knowing full well of the existence of cameras they wear masks so as not to be identified. Fortunately that particular thief was unsuccessful in his attempt to enter the sanctuary. And yet another came prepared not to go home emptyhanded and brought with him a wheel barrow with which he used to carry off the motor to our cement mixer. These events are just more signs of the times where people, more and more, have no respect for God or the things of God.

On a brighter note on the first Sunday of October Atalias asked her class of teenage girls to write down a great blessing that they had recently received. Isabelle wrote down "I returned to church". During the pandemic she had let her friends influence her into getting out of church and into the world. Although we never gave up on her and maintained contact with her encouraging her to return, God used a near tragic event in her life to get her attention. She is now back faithfully attending services and youth activities. On a humorous note with Isabelle is something that happened recently at school. Schools in Brasil all have high walls around them with one main gate with guards to control who can gain access. These gates are open for a specific time only allowing students and faculty to enter. At a specific time each day a signal or alarm is sounded alerting the students that it is time to get to class and that the gate will soon be closed until the end of the school day. At Isabelle's school that signal, or alarm, is the sounding of a trumpet being blown. This one particular day Isabelle was already on the school grounds but was at the time daydreaming. When the "trumpet sounded" she snapped out of her daydream, looked around and seeing no other students close by since they had all already gone to their classes, she shouted out, "Oh no! Jesus has come and I've been left behind." A moment later a friend brought her back to reality when she tapped Isabelle on the shoulder telling her that they needed to hurry up and get to class. What a relief Isabelle exclaimed. Thankfully Isabelle knows Jesus as her Personal Savior and when the actual trump of God sounds for real, she won't be left behind.

Finally, our preacher-boy, Pr. Jarbas, has already begun construction of the building for the new church he is planting in Bahia. He already has some new converts, and the church is beginning to grow. Please pray for additional souls to be saved and for God to provide the materials needed to complete the construction of their future sanctuary. We trained Pr. Jarbas at the church in Vargem Grande and still consider him and his family a part of our church family and as such we have been supporting him monthly since the time of his ordination, of which we had the privilege of participating in.

Once again, as always, thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us financially and/or prayerfully through the years. The churches in Jardim Varginha and Vargem Grande are here today because you prayed and invested in God's work. Please continue to pray with us that we will see an even greater Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2023.

Thankfully Received

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