

THE LANTZ FAMILY

MISSIONARIES SERVING IN SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

An Extension of the World Wide Mission Ministry of The CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Prayer Partners,

April 30, 2024

March and April have been very busy months for us. We were involved in 3 "Cultos Em Casa" or as we know them in the states "Cottage Prayer Meetings". The first was in the home of a pastor who was a seminary student of mine 36 years ago. His wife was celebrating her birthday, their church was invited, and I was asked to preach a message of giving thanks for the way God works in our lives. The next service was in the home of one of our young couples who wanted to dedicate the home they had just recently moved into to the Lord. Their desire being that everything that takes place there now and in the future will be of such to honor the Lord. Both these took place in March whereas the third took place in April and it was a service to say farewell and God's blessings to one of our ladies who was moving to the United States for a year for a job.

Also in March we had our Friends Day at the church. We invited Pr. Paulo Cezar Bastos, my seminary student for whom we held the first culto em casa, to be our guest speaker. We had several first time visitors for the service and Pr. Paulo's message was a tremendous blessing and challenge for all who were present. There were also many who made decisions for the Lord.

Then on March 31st we held our usual Easter activities. We started with a Sunrise Service followed by a breakfast before holding our normal Sunda School service. We all returned that evening for our Easter service of praise and gratitude celebrating our Lord's Resurrection.

In April we found ourselves helping out at the church in Jd. Varginha with a special outreach towards reaching the children of the bairro. One of our missionaries, Pr. Tome Lopes and his wife helped out with a special program for the children who came. He also stayed for Sunday to teach and preach in both services.

Finally, due to a recent unforeseen event and the situation it produced, we learned on Wednesday afternoon of last week that the pastor who was going to take care of our work while we were to be on furlough will be unable to care for the work for us. At this time we are unable to find another individual to take care of the church for us, so it has become necessary for us to postpone our furlough for one year. Although we were hoping to come home this year and see many of you, but as you know our plans are not always God's plans for us and HE always has better things and plans in mind for us during the timeframe that we set for ourselves. As such, God has given us peace concerning this decision to delay our furlough for one year.

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 2024.

Thankfully Received All Because of JESUS,

March - April ____200.00 ____ Special Offering or gifts _____

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