

Mirassol Messenger

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Peter and Nice Armati

Prayer points

- Praise God for Marcia and Hugo as they walk with Jesus as new Christians
- Praise God for our prayer and financial supporters
- Praise God for our safety and good health
- Praise God that He empowers us to speak and witness to Him
- Praise God that we had a safe visit to the Reformed Anglican Church annual conference in Braganca Paulista where Peter presented in two sessions
- Praise God for our Christmas Celebration at the end of November
- Please pray that other home group members will repent and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Please pray that God will raise up many new people to hear and receive the gospel
- Please pray for Peter's Portuguese skills to be greatly improved (by diligent study!)
- Please pray for a successful outcome for upcoming Peter's hernia operation
- Please pray that we will live Christ-like lives; displaying God's love to all people
- Please pray that we will be patient and forgiving (how many times shall we forgive our brother?)

The time since our last update report in August has been very busy. After proceeding towards ordination, Peter has decided to defer ordination for a while. Our work in Mirassol requires full-time focus on a daily basis.

The home groups continue to meet every week. The group led by Teresa is continuing their study of Isaiah, and Nice's group presses on with John's Gospel.

We pray every day that God will raise up more people for us to share the gospel with, but we have not been led to any more people at this stage.

Our outreach to university students has not yet born fruit. Perhaps the students do not feel very confident about their English oral skills. We are prayerfully considering approaching the local language schools next year.

We visited Bragança Paulista in mid November where Peter spoke in two sessions to the Reformed Anglican Church conference attendees: a chat session about reaching out to university students and another session about developing leadership skills in the church. This second session was focused on the Moore College ThC course, and on the need for the Bible to be at the centre of everything we do and say.

There is considerable interest here in translating the Moore College ThC course into Portuguese and offering the units for study here in Brazil and to Portuguese speaking people throughout the world. Nice and other God loving people are involved in the translation.

Please continue to pray for the two new Christians here; Marcia and Hugo. Please pray that they will

grow steadily into Christ-likeness.

We held a Christmas Celebration here at the end of November. Nice, with Michael Stead's approval, translated his Christmas 2010 sermon (on Matthew chapter 1!) and presented it to the group. After prayers and a simple memorial of Christ's sacrificial death for us, partaking of bread and grape juice, we had lunch together. It was a very happy time and we pray that over time lunches like this will help grow the Kingdom here.

Peter needs to have a hernia operation shortly. Please pray for him.

These are exciting and difficult times for us! Please continue to pray for us, and for empowerment to fulfill God's plans for our lives.

We wish you all a joyful and a very happy Christmas time.

Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

Peter and Nice

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