

Mirassol Messenger

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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 for new Bible study members
- Praise God that He empowers us to speak and witness to Him
- Praise God that we had a safe and empowering visit to the home of Bp Josep Rosello in Pindamonhangaba .
- Praise God that He has called Peter to be ordained into the Reformed Anglican Church of Brazil
- Please pray that other home group members will repent and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Please pray that we will remain safe and healthy
- Please pray that God will raise up many new people to hear and receive the gospel
- Please pray for God's leading as we commence reaching out to University students
- Please pray for Peter's Portuguese skills to be greatly improved (by study!)
- Please pray that we proceed prayerfully towards Peter's ordination
- 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?).

A lot has been happening here, which is why there has been another delay in producing this newsletter.

The two new Christians here, Marcia and Hugo, are growing strongly in their new faith. In fact they are also talking to others to encourage them to put their trust in Jesus for their salvation. Please continue to pray for Marcia and Hugo's growth into Christ-likeness.

We have commenced reaching out to the students of Mirassol University. So far there has not been any response, perhaps because of the fact that the university has been on holidays! We will progress this outreach in the coming months. We pray God will work in their hearts.

We visited Bishop Josep Rossello's home in Pindamonhangaba (700 Kms from here) and met with a team from the New Anglican Missionary Society (NAMS) from the USA

led by Rev Dr Jon Shuler (<http://NAMSnetwork.com>).

The NAMS discipling vision is almost identical to the discipling model we are already using. This is very encouraging. Please view the NAMS discipling vision on the web at <http://www.namsnetwork.com/resources/video/item/38-are-you-in-a-great-commission-cell?>

Peter has felt led to accept Josep's offer to ordain him: not so much to help our work with Jesus here in Mirassol (for Peter is already a pastor here, as a missionary), but to assist Jesus and Josep grow the Reformed Anglican Church here in Brazil and to spread the gospel in a wider context. In other words, as an additional task to our Mirassol mission work. Regarding the Reformed Anglican Church in Brazil, see <http://igrejaanglicana.com.br/home/> and <http://www.virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php?storyid=14205>

After much prayer and discussion, we have confirmed the appropriateness of the discipling model we have been using in Mirassol: small groups meeting in homes weekly to pray and to study God's Word together (and Skype one-on-ones for people who cannot attend the weekly meeting). We plan to have a monthly meeting of all the group members, here in our house outside Mirassol, for lunch, fellowship, encouragement and support; breaking bread together and celebrating Jesus' saving death for us, and His resurrection!

Nice has been leading the groups' present study of the book of Isaiah. This book provides many good openings for discussions about the consequences of unrepentant sin and the salvation offered to us by Jesus' faithful, servant-hearted obedience to His Father.

Peter is supporting and encouraging the Reformed Anglican Church to become part of the Moore College External Studies South American PTC/TC network. The many study units will need to be translated into Portuguese (not a small undertaking); and an infra-structure established in Brazil to administer the program. Please pray for a positive outcome for this.

We are very busy planting seeds to grow the Kingdom. We are eager to increase the number of people we are in fellowship with, and we are confident that over time many more people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

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

Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

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