

Mirassol Messenger

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Prayer points

- Praise God that He empowers us to share the gospel with people in Brazil
- Praise God for our prayer and financial supporters
- Praise God for our safety and good health
- Praise God that He continues to bring us people to study His Word and apply it to their lives
- Please pray that God will raise up many new people to hear and receive the gospel that they might be reconciled to Him
- Please pray that we will live Christ-like lives; displaying God's love to all people



As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we feel that God has led us to the Igreja Batista Palavra da Cruz in Rio Preto. It is about 60 Kms for us to visit there. It's only a small church (maybe 40-60 people in the congregation), but it seems to have sound teaching. We attend the Sunday evening service there most Sundays. Recently Nice was asked to preach by the pastor. So Nice preached on Ephesians 2:1-10 about God's amazing grace to us who He has called. Strangely, almost all their sermons are about how we should live, but very few are about salvation and repentance. We are trying to change this over time.

We have been attending and sometimes leading the weekly Bible study group of the Mirassol members of the Baptist church.

Our time each week with people at the Rio Preto Cancer respite hostel continues to bear great fruit and also brings us almost continuous joy as they lap up God's word like they have never heard it before. We distribute many Bibles there, for the patients, for their accompanying friends and also to take back home to their families and friends at the end of their time of treatment in Rio Preto.

The monthly worship service in Mirassol is a special time, to give thanks and praise to our

wonderful God. The numbers are small, but we feel there is good value in continuing. There has recently been some fall off, as people have been travelling away from Mirassol for their holidays.

We visited Bp. Josep Rossello (leader of the Reformed Anglican Church of Brazil (IARB) in Pindamonhangaba recently, bringing him a large number of (english) Christian books from our library in Mirassol. We had lunch with Josep and his wife Patrice and had a good chat. Much of our discussion centered on the false teachings being given by most of the churches in Brazil—and what steps might be taken to correct this. Access to sound Theological education for pastors and congregations should be a help, over time. This is one of Bp Josep's goals. He also assured us that the project to translate four units of the Moore College PTC course into Portuguese is one of his two top translation priorities for 2014. (The other is to complete the translation of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.)

Teresa's group meets in Ruth's home every week for Bible study.

Nice continues to meet with Sandra in Rio de Janeiro on Skype every week for Bible study. And we meet with Michael Stead on Skype every two weeks or so.



Birthday dinner for Pastor Alessandro (centre) and his wife Andrea (left centre), together with Rose and Adauto, at whose home we generally meet to study the Bible with the Rio Preto Baptist church Mirassol members

May God bless you all.

Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

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