

# 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 that both Marica and Hugo boldly share the gospel with their friends
- 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 for a successful outcome for Peter's hernia operation
- 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
- Please pray that we will live Christ-like lives; displaying God's love to all people

The time since our last update report has been very busy. Peter's hernia operation in April was very successful and whilst his subsequent recovery period has taken a long time, he is now more or less his old self again. But the whole process has knocked Peter around quite a lot.

We have commenced holding monthly worship services. These have been very well received and are proving to be a great way of sharing the gospel. We have been reaching quite a number of new people this way. Usually Nice uses a sermon she has translated from St James. Occasionally Teri Kempie from St James has helped us by transcribing a sermon for which we have no English text available. We are very grateful to Teri for this assistance.

This Saturday (21 July) we will be talking through God's love letter. It is just great to have an interactive sermon!

The home groups continue to meet every week. The group led by Teresa are now studying Jeremiah. Nice is working one-on-one with a number of people: Marcia, Neuza, Cleuza, and Sandra (in Rio de Janeiro).

We pray every day that God will raise up more people for us to share the gospel with.

Our outreach to university students has not yet born fruit.

There has been some (slow) progress with translating the Moore College ThC course into Portuguese. Nice and other God loving people are involved in the translation. Moore College has given Michael Stead responsibility for overseeing this undertaking.

Please continue to pray for the two new Christians here; Marcia and Hugo. Please pray that they will grow steadily into Christ-likeness. Pray also that Nice will guide them well. It is wonderful that they are boldly sharing the gospel with their friends and acquaintances—the multiplier effect.

We have been “meeting” with Michael Stead every two weeks on Skype. This has been a wonderful

encouragement for us, and also helps us not to feel too alone over here. Technology is (or, can be) wonderful!

Reading “Operation World”, you could be led to believe that Brazil is a very Christian country. This is not our experience. True, many people are busy with their religious practices and there are churches popping up like mushrooms. However our experiences do not lead us to be happy with the situation here. The gospel is either not taught at all, or it is so corrupted as to be unrecognizable. Paul’s warnings in his letters about the false prophets and false gospels is very relevant here. [For example 2 Cor 11-13-15]. The real problem is that people are led astray; worse, they believe they are Christians, headed for heaven.

A particular problem here is that most people do not like to read—anything. So they are very open to being misled by poor (or evil) teaching.

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.

May God bless you all.

Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

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