

Prayer points

- Praise God that He empowers us to speak bravely and witness to Him in love
- Praise God that both Marcia and Hugo in Mirassol and Sandra in Rio 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 we are now able to hold weekly meetings in a Cancer respite home in São José do Rio Preto
- Please pray that we will live Christ-like lives; displaying God's love to all people
- Please pray that many 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 many cancer patients and their accompanying friends will respond to the gospel

Great news! We have been given permission to meet each week with people who are in a cancer respite home in São José do Rio Preto. There are beds for fifty people in the home. So far we have held four meetings, and eight to twelve people have attended each week. They seem very keen, and they come faithfully each week and listen very attentively to every word that come out of Nice's mouth. We are very excited about this development, and we ask that you remember us and them in your prayers. We meet there at 8pm every Thursday evening for an hour.

The people come from near and far, some from over 1,000 Kms away. They are very poor. Most of them are very simple people. Some are not, and these people encourage the others with their comments. It is very uplifting to witness to them!

The monthly worship service continues to be a great success. Each month we are between eight and twelve people, usually meeting on the last Saturday afternoon of each month at 5pm for about one hour. Often Nice uses a portuguese translation of a service from St James. But lately Nice has been developing her own sermon from various materials (St James, BHAC and the Internet). The services are greatly appreciated by the “congregation”.

The home groups continue to meet every week. The group led by Teresa are still studying Jeremiah (they are up to Chapter 50 now). Nice is working one-on-one with a number of people: Marcia, Cleuza, and Sandra (in Rio de Janerio). I (Peter) hope to start Skype sessions with a pastor in Toronto (Canada) very soon.

We pray every day that God will raise up more people with whom we can share the gospel.

Our outreach to university students has not yet born fruit. I thought a small group would form in December, but in the end it did not even-tuate.

There has been some (very slow) progress with translating the Moore College ThC course into Portuguese. Nice and other God loving people are involved in the translation.

Please continue to pray for the three new Christians here; Marcia and Hugo in Mirassol and Sandra in Rio. 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.

We have been “meeting” with Michael Stead every two weeks or so on Skype. This is a wonderful encouragement for us, and also helps us not to feel too alone over here.

I am in regular contact with Bp Josep Rosello, leader of the Reformed Anglican Church of Brazil.

More good news is that on June 11 we leave Brazil for a month's visit to St James, and to visit our friends and Peter's family in Sydney and Melbourne. We hope to spend all day at St James on July 7. We also are planning to spend some time with BHAC. And we believe Michael Stead has some other plans for us—yet to be revealed. It will be three years since we were last in Australia, and yes, we do miss it.

These are exciting and difficult times for us! But we carry on with joy in our hearts. We do not falter, but press on. We are called to share the gospel faithfully, and this is what we are doing. The work of conversion is God's work, not ours. Thank goodness for that! 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,

Peter and Nice Armati

This is a photo of lunch after our 2012 Christmas service



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