

Mirassol Messenger

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Prayer points

- Praise God that He empowers us to plead, attempt to persuade, and urge people to come to Jesus, that they might be reconciled with God
- Praise God for our prayer and financial supporters
- Praise God for our safety and good health
- Praise God that He has brought us another nine people to study His Word and apply it to their lives
- Please pray for Cleusa as she struggles with deep depression
- Please pray for Marcia as she confronts a very difficult situation in her life
- 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



It has been a long time since we last wrote to you all. We have been back to Australia for a four week flying visit in June and July, where we talked to St James and BHAC congregations, and a few home groups (or growth groups as they are called by BHAC). Also we had lunch with the St James Mission team and a lunch with many people from BHAC. It was wonderful to make such a visit, but it was exhausting. Peter was able to meet his seventh grand-child, Eli, in Melbourne, which was a blessing.

Since returning from Australia 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 have attended a number of services there.

We feel that our work in Brazil is beginning to take-off: we are now in regular contact with more than twenty-five people on a weekly basis and we are quite excited and daunted by this. Since we last wrote we have been asked by pastor Alessandro to lead a dynamic little group of people in weekly Bible study (coming from this small Baptist church in Rio Preto). That is in addition to our weekly visit to the Rio Preto Cancer respite home, Nice's weekly Skype sessions with a friend in Rio, and monthly worship services.

We are using a different technique in Bible Study these days, which is much more life application focused. In the past we were studying the Bible in a very similar manner to that followed by home groups attached to St James. But now Nice has been translating LifeGuide booklets published by IVP and using this material for Topical study, with a strong life application focus. This seems to be very effective and refreshing especially for the Baptist group. The approach we are taking with the itinerant people in the Cancer respite home is very different. Each week there is, potentially, a different group of people. Each week, using different passages from the Gospels, we share with them the fact that Christ died for them personally, and that they need to repent and believe the good news. We urge them on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God.



Our monthly worship services continue to be successful and productive. A group of eight people (plus we two) worship God together on the last Saturday of every month. [We are considering moving to a fortnightly service in 2014.] However, whilst the bible passages differ each service, the content of each sermon is similar—Christ died for them, personally, and that they need to repent and believe the good news. We implore them on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. Does this sound familiar?!

We continue to support the Reformed Anglican Church of Brazil (IARB). Our friend Bishop Josep Rossello of the IARB, was able to visit Nairobi to attend the GAFCON 2 conference. He and our Michael Stead were able to meet there.

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

May God bless you all.

Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

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