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Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings from Brail. Just recently I saw written on the tailgate of a pickup the following phrase: "Velocidade Controlado Pelo Buraco", or in English "Speed Controlled By Potholes". How true that is. Isn't it a fact that when we see a pothole in front of us we either slow down or swerve to miss it? It is also true that life, both physical and spiritual, is full of not only potholes but also pitfalls. Each needing to be dealt with on an individual basis. How we deal with them makes a difference on how we will come out in the end. To hit one with our car can severely damage the suspension while hitting one in our personal or spiritual life can shake their very foundations. Fortunately, in life we are sometimes alerted to them ahead of time so we can make the necessary detour and avoid any damage. The Bible instructs us in **Psalms 139:6; "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established."** We make OUR plans but many times they are filled with the potholes and pitfalls of life.

In many ways that is what it has felt like these past two months on the field. When we first returned to the field in August, things were mostly still shut down due to Covid-19 restrictions. The postal workers were on strike thus no international mail was getting through. When the strike finally did end the middle of October we received all of our mail that had bent sent since the end of July. Needless to say, including several overdue bills to pay. Meanwhile most everything here was in lockdown mode or some form thereof. Shopping centers were only allowed to open from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Just recently that restriction has been relaxed and they are back to normal hours. Yet the many restrictions which were in place, of which some still are, have affected the lifestyles of much of the population including church members. They created the thought that church services were still to be avoided except for the occasions when you really needed something from God. Thankfully, the church in Vargem Grande had been holding regular Sunday morning and evening services since before we got back. Although there had been some interest in resuming Wednesday evening services, we were compelled to hold off until just recently. Attendance is still lacking what it had been but so have all of the services. Recently we have been having a family of 4 visiting and are praying that they will remain faithful in coming. Also, in October, we resumed having our Young Peoples get together/Bible Studies. In fact, two of our young people have submitted themselves for baptism and we will be baptizing them when the first opportunity arises.

Even though our overall attendance has been down due to people still fearing the corona virus, thus causing our offerings to be smaller, we thank God that we have still been able to send full monthly support to our missionaries. We do not know if this is the case with all churches and the missionaries which they support. Please pray that God will provide the Brazilian missionaries with their needed support during this time of financial need.

Once again, as always, thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us financially and/or prayerfully through the years. The churches in Jardim Varginha and Vargem Grande are here today because you prayed and invested in God's work. Please continue to pray with us that we will continue to see a Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2020.

Thankfully Received

September - October 200⁰⁰

Special Offering or gifts _____

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