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Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings from Brasil. September arrived with us celebrating Brasil's Independence Day. We had a church wide picnic along with games and activities. This year we introduced Corn Hole to the church family and they enjoyed it. A greater success was a completion game we saw on our last furlough in Ohio. It is an upright board with 9 round touch activated lights. The objective is to throw a beanbag and attempt to hit the light turning it on with the goal of turning on as many lights possible in one minute's time. One of our ladies got extremely good at this. I never saw her happier or giggle more than while she was playing this game. I later asked her if she was visualizing someone's face on the light. Of course she didn't answer.

Later that evening after we got home from church I needed to make a special support to use inside of our refrigerator. It was then that I discovered that my table saw likes white meat especially if it is part of a thumb and index finger. Well 6 hours, 21 stitches and a good portion of humble pie later, we were home from the emergency room recovering. I am doing fine but it will take a little while for a full recovery and regain full mobility in my thumb and index finger. As such it will be a few months before I can play the guitar again. It's a bit of an inconvenience at the moment but it doesn't stop me from doing what I need to do. Just need an extra hand now and then on some items.

October was election month in Brasil. Unlike the United States, legal voting age begins at 16 but doesn't become mandatory until 18. Also it is a multi party system. There are over 8 different political parties in Brasil. There is no Electoral College thus the winner must have 50% plus one vote to win. If no candidate gets a clear majority of over 50% of the votes the top two vote getters go to a run-off election three weeks later. Already the winner is seeing resistance for some of his policy moves even from people who voted for him. Although not everyone is pleased with the election results we know that God is still on His Throne and has a purpose in allowing those who won to win. Please pray that the Brazilian people will have the patience to wait on God to reveal His Plan in the election results.

At the church, we had an unexpected and unwanted visitor show up in the middle of the night. Whoever it was stole two of the floodlights that illuminate our lot which we use for parking. Won't he be surprised to learn that one of the lights he stole was burned out and already needed to be replaced.

Also in October Atalias and I were able to visit one of the missionaries the church supports. We were able to participate all day in the services and preach the evening service. The Saturday evening before was a special service for a missionary to come by and give a report. Once again a special unwanted visitor appeared and caused all sorts of panic and confusion. You might say that many in the congregation almost acted "Pentecostal" in nature. I guess that is to be expected when a large rat enters the sanctuary running across the feet of many in attendance including Atalias'. The rat was quickly apprehended and promptly shown the door and requested not to come back.

Once again, 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 an even greater Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2018.

Thankfully Received

September - October 200⁰⁰

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All Because of JESUS,

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