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Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings from Brail. We are back but were a bit nervous about making it back. We began the month of July preparing for our return to Brazil with plans to leave on the 24th arriving the morning of the 25th. But as the saying goes, "If you want to give God a good laugh, just tell Him your plans". Boy did we find out how true that was. However, on July 8th we learned that everyone entering Brazil must have a letter from a medical group or their local doctor certifying that they are not infected with covid-19. We immediately set out to fulfill this requirement. The very next day we were both tested but were informed that the results would not be back for 7 to 10 business days. I should have asked when the days started. My results came back negative at 11:30 Pm on the 23rd but Atalias' did not return until Saturday morning the 25th one hour and a half after we were to have landed in Brazil. We were required to reschedule our flight for a week later. Yet God was still in control as always. It allowed us to take care of an emergency medical need that arose.

One week later believed we were back on track until we got to the airport waiting to leave for our flight to Houston. First our flight was delayed from 34 minutes from leaving due to storms in Houston. When we finally did board the plane, we sat on the tarmac for another additional 20 minutes before learning there was a computer problem. The plane had to return to the gate to reboot the computer. When we finally did arrive in Houston we had only 23 minutes to get off the plane and find the gate for our next flight before the doors of the plane were set to close. I will admit I was a bit nervous because I had no desire to spend my birthday in the Houston Airport waiting for our next flight. Fortunately, the departing gate was only a 5-minute jog away, but we were unable to board until we first went through a different line first to verify our documents (passport, visa, and covid-19 results) so our boarding pass could be stamped allowing us to board. Because we were so late boarding there were no places left near our seats in the overhead bins for our carry-ons so after a while I was able to locate two spaces on opposite sides of the plane. This flight did finally leave but 25 minutes late. At least we were on our way but that is more than I can say for our luggage. Besides our carry-ons we had a total of 9 checked bags. Because of the delay in our arriving in Houston, only one bag made it to Brazil with us. All of our clothes were in the bags still in Houston. They were sent on the next fight and arrived Sunday morning, went through customs and then delivered to our house that afternoon. As a result, it was just a simple x-ray exam of the bags instead of opening and examining each bag for their contents and as a result we did not have to pay any customs fees. I will admit this, my birthday this year was certainly full of surprises.

The month of August we spent unpacking and getting back into the routine of the work. Due to the covid-19 restrictions here there is a lot that can not yet be done. During the year churches services had been cancelled just like many places in the states. Sunday morning and evening services had already resumed before our arrival, but we are still waiting to resume Wednesday evening services. Still, some members have not returned in attendance due to continued fears of covid-19. Very few businesses are open for regular business hours and all shopping malls are only allowed to be open from 4 to 10 PM. Masks are required everywhere, even in cars if there are two or more individuals in the car. A lot of adjustments to be made for now but everyone is anxious for things to get back to normal, whatever that might be. Visits are hard to make because most people are still afraid of covid-19. We know that God has a purpose in all of this, we just have to wait for Him to reveal to us what that is.

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.

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July - August 200⁰⁰

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All Because of JESUS,

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