



JERRY & ATALIAS

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**CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Dear Prayer Partners,

April 30, 2019

Greetings from Brasil. In March Brasil celebrated Carnival. It runs concurrently with Mardi Gras in the states but Mardi Gras pales in comparison. Each year the Samba schools compete for the title of best school with cash prizes awarded. They have their floats along with individual presentations. This year in São Paulo on Samba school presented an individual presentation of several actors portraying Satan and his demons mocking, humiliating and abusing an actor portraying Jesus. They pushed "Jesus" to the ground kicking Him and spitting on Him and then loudly announcing that they had defeated Christ. What took place less than 24 hours later puts in perspective **Galatians 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."** The actor who portrayed Satan was involved in a car accident where his brakes apparently failed and he crashed into the rear of a gasoline delivery truck. His car immediately burst into flames and his body was burned to the point of being carbonized. This proves you don't mess with God concerning His Son Jesus.

In April we had a Sunrise service Easter Sunday morning and in the evening service we were not only blessed with first time visitors but four of them, all children, trusted Christ as personal Savior. The following Monday evening Atalias and I made a special visit in the home of a neighbor of one of our members. Just a week earlier Roberto's 22 year old son Walef committed suicide hanging himself in their garage. Our member had brought Walef to church with her regularly when he was a child so there is the possibility that he was saved yet for most of his short life suffered from depression after his mother had abandoned him his father and three brothers and sister. It was a recent event that brought on an additional bout of depression that we suspect caused him to take his life. During the visit to consol the family I mentioned that God has a purpose for everything. It's just that He doesn't always reveal that purpose to us right away. Walef's father Roberto, his brother Luis, age 15, and sister Camila, age 25, all thought that they were saved but were not sur of where they would spend eternity. I immediately took that opportunity to present to them the plan of salvation and all three accepted Christ as their personal Savior. But that is not all. Camila cares for 2 young girls because their mothers work late. They were not only present but also asked Jesus into their hearts. So in all we saw 9 saved, 4 on Easter Sunday and 5 the following Monday evening. Before we left Luis said to me "Pastor, I now know God's purpose in my brother taking his life. It was that you would visit us and show us God's plan of Salvation so that we could be saved." God does work in marvelous ways and for this we give Him the glory.

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 2019.

Thankfully Received

All Because of JESUS.

March -April 200<sup>00</sup>

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