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Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings from Brazil. Finally, things are beginning to get back to a sense of normality. Churches are returning to having their regular pre-pandemic church services while others are remaining on a modified schedule. As such we have decided for now to continue with our Wednesday/Thursday evening mid-week service modification. As I mentioned in our last letter we initiated live prayer services via WhatsApp. On Wednesday evenings Atalias meets with two different groups of ladies at 8:00 and 9:00 while on Thursday evenings I meet with the men at 8:00 for prayer and a lesson. As a result, more of our members have been able to participate in a mid-week service. Two to three times more than before due to either their work or school schedules. We have also had friends of a member begin to participate in these live prayer groups, thus in a sense, we are having visitors participating. We have also began reactivating many of the activities that had to be suspended and we are seeing spiritual growth in some of our new converts. We have a few almost ready to be baptized but with the pandemic the way it is, we are holding off for a while as a precautionary reason.

Progress is continuing to be being made in Brazil in the area of vaccinations for covid-19. Now the younger population is able to be vaccinated. One of our college age young ladies excitedly told me this month that she had been vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine which has just recently been made available in Brazil. Although the Delta variant is present in parts of Brazil, our part of São Paulo does not seem to have been affected much by it. Still, we are wearing masks and taking precautions.

Last but not least in importance was a great blessing we received last month. You might remember Irmão Jarbas of whom we have mentioned many times. He is one of the fruits of our ministry. We had hopes of turning the work in Vargem Grande over to him, but family health reasons necessitated their moving back to the state of Bahia. He is currently involved there in church planting and doing a wonderful job for the Lord. Recently his sister from Vargem Grande visited him and his family there and while there she accepted Christ as personal Savior. This is, of course, wonderful in itself and a tremendous answer to prayer, because for years, including the time that irmão Jarbas and his family were still living here, she was very hostile and antagonistic towards Christians not wanting to have anything to do with them. She just merely tolerated her brother, and his family's faith, in Jesus Christ. Jarbas called me about the news and mentioned that he had recommended our church for her to attend. Since her return to São Paulo, she has started attending the Sunday evening services. Please pray for Meire and her spiritual growth.

Finally, we ask that you pray for the Brazilian national pastors. With the return of Jesus Christ approaching, many are being oppressed by Satan to give up and quit. Have not we all felt this way at sometime in our spiritual life. Satan knows that if he can destroy these pastors he can more easily discourage their churches to stop being an effective outreach for Christ in their communities. The Bible mentions in II Thessalonians 2:3 "...for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first...". Please pray that they remain firm in their faith and dedication to Christ.

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 2021.

Thankfully Received

All Because of JESUS,

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