

Greetings from Brazil in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you are well and walking with Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6).

After about a month of record-breaking rain, we are very happy to see the sun. Imagine how that can be for your clothes to dry when you don't have a dryer. Actually, that is a very small problem. The rains have caused extensive damage to major highways, buildings, and loss of life. In the nearby towns of Sabará and Raposos, those who live close to the river lost a lot of their belongings. The ministry of Cidade Refugio could not receive men for the program this past week because the roads were impassable.

Speaking of Cidade Refugio, where I have been involved for four years now, the ministry at the second phase (called Recanto) is making some major changes. Because of some laws and the Social Service needs in Sabará, the ministry is only going to work with women there. I have decided to become more involved with some other areas of ministry, while keeping in contact with Cidade Refugio and helping where I can.

Near the end of last month, we at Wec here in Brazil held our annual assembly; four wonderful days of fellowship, Bible messages, missionary reports, and decision making. The afternoons were free for swimming and fishing. Zeca and Ilca Quirino were accepted as our new field directors for the next three years. They are an amazing couple who have served in Guinea Bissau, West Africa. Pray for them as they have a very heavy workload and lots of new info to learn.

Marta and Jac are fine. The school year and their contract ended. The system here is complicated so I won't even try to explain. Each year they have to candidate for a position in the city school system. Right now, they are studying a lot online to take a test that gives a little more job security. And the other week, Jac took her second driving test in the journey of trying to get her license. She didn't pass. This is normal here. We keep encouraging her as she will eventually get it.

Thanks for your prayers and support. Through them we can serve here and also help some other missionaries and ministries. We recently pledged to help monthly a young girl, Mari, who is going to take the ten-month missionary course our training college offers. Mari is a very vibrant, on fire servant for Jesus. Pray for her.

Um grande abraço, (a big hug).

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Photos: Zeca administering the Lord's Supper at our conference. Cleaning the streets of Sabará after the flood.

