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Dear Praying Friends:

Little footprints were left in the wet, red, Brazilian clay as children dashed down the road from their hovels. The footprints left told the story of excitement and freedom from Covid's mandated boredom. Vacation Bible School was not a part of their vocabulary. It was new to them. They babbled and laughed as they lined up to get stickers for their attendance, coloring sheets, visitors, and memory verses. They chattered and giggled during song time. They popped up and down during games, but were silent and intent during the missionary adventure time. Words like sin and forgiveness were added to their vocabulary. Words of assurance and salvation gave comfort as little hearts heard that forever a child of God means just that—forever.

In that group of new faces, one little boy was resolute in his desire for answers. He heard the story of witch doctor-turned-child-of-God and questioned, questioned, questioned. During the second afternoon, I sat across from him as he interrogated me, "Does the Bible really say..." "Where does the Bible say..." I walked, skipped, and jumped from Creation to Revelation. With his voodoo background, almost everything that I said was new. He left saying, "Tomorrow, I'll have more questions. Sadly, though a vacation Bible school seems innocent to his parents, church attendance is not to be allowed. He wasn't the only new face in the crowd.

A few of the new faces are from one family who has become regular attenders and joined our new members' class. Vacation Bible School might be a spike in activity, but it is the new member's class that adds stability to the church. We have finished with 10 completing the course. One of the fathers thanked God that he could complete the course with his teenage daughter.

New faces aren't the only ones arriving. After long absences, returning faces are refreshing to see. One mother has returned after a period of unfaithfulness. She is bringing her children; thus, my Sunday school class is having regular attenders. May these little ones begin to learn of God.

Thank You for Your Prayers,

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These new and returning faces may be hindered soon. Unlike the world that is finally, breathing the air of returning to normal, Brazil is calling for lockdowns across several regions. We are not a part of a lockdown yet. The state government has given us a curfew and is going to be evaluating the need in a few weeks. The news hasn't stopped us from planning outreaches and activities. We have an Easter breakfast on the schedule and recently held a church picnic.

Prayer Requests:

- Funds for the second phase (auditorium)
- Our youth as they grow in Christ
- Our children to continue to display faithfulness

Praises:

- Several first-time visitors attending our meetings
- Completion of our new member's course
- We've outgrown our fellowship hall and present Sunday school classrooms

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