



The Tavares Family

Missionaries to Brazil

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. -Psalms 68:19

Prayer Letter

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Prayer Requests

- *God to use our lives to see more souls saved
- *Leaders in the Church
- *Safety
- *Health

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our desire is that you had a blessed Christmas and that the New Year brings you much joy in the Lord. Even though last year was an atypical year, in which we had to close down the building of the church, the Word of God was not closed. It continued flowing through our live stream services. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to be able to reach many more to hear the word of God.

We were able to reopen the church for in-person services for a couple weeks, and then our city's cases greatly increased. Once again the county ordered the closing of many business, schools and churches.

During this time our church decided to encourage the brethren through the daily reading of the Scriptures. We have set the challenge to read 3 chapters a day and summarize what was read and share in the church messaging group. The people have been very enthusiastic with this daily devotion and are sharing what they have learned through it. This has definitely helped us all stay together and encourage one another.

We would like to ask you all for prayers for our family. Almost, all my brothers here in Brazil have caught the virus. My older brother Elias was the most recent one, and spend almost one month in the ICU. We praise the Lord he is recovering at home now.

We thank the Lord that the Brazilians have started receiving the vaccine and as soon the vaccine gets to the majority we will be back to our in-person worship service. Meanwhile, we are continuing with online services. We are having hundreds of people connect with the services. As we have mentioned before, many of them have never had the desire to be in a normal service setting. Please continue to pray for God to use our lives to reach people for Him, even throughout these challenging times.

Since Covid started, we have mainly been sending the letters via email. We have many of your emails, but some may have changed over the years. We would like to update our contact list and would like to ask if you could send us that information to tavares_brazil@yahoo.com.br

We are planning a short furlough from September 2020-January 2021. If you would like us to visit and share what the Lord has been doing with us here in Brazil, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you all again!

Thank you for the encouraging cards, letters, Christmas gifts and Birthday gifts for Marilza.

May the Lord abundantly bless you all.

Under His Care,

Paulo and Marilza Tavares