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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

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

Once again we are writing to share what God is doing with us here in Brazil. It has not been easy. Brazil is continually becoming very dangerous to live in with the consistent rise of criminality. It gets even worse when we see the police force involved with the marginals and drug lords. We are doing our part to make a difference especially with the new generation. Our church is located in an area surrounded by drug gangs. Even though it is very dangerous to go into the favelas, we are not afraid for we trust God is with us. We are constantly witnessing in that area. The majority of the community knows us and we tell them about Jesus. They even ask us to pray for them. Twice, over the past couple months, as I was arriving to pick up the children from the housing project in the favela, I was approached at gun point by a drug dealer who told me to raise my shirt and arms. He was a new soldier of the drug traffic and didn't know me. When the other drug dealers saw they shouted: "He is the pastor!" We would like to request that you all please, please pray for our safety!

God is in control and we will continue doing what we are supposed to do. Preaching the gospel to those that are lost. We praise the Lord for the recent salvation of a young mother, Giselle and her teen son Carlos, that were involved with voodoo. Also, a couple named Adilson and Zilda got saved!! Please, pray for their spiritual growth. There are three young men that started coming to our services in April. Their names are Antonio, Juan and Gabriel. Please pray for their salvation!

We will start a new baptismal and discipleship class in May. We have several new Christian to be baptized. Praise the Lord!

Please, pray for our English class outreach, and that the students may receive the Lord as their Savior.

We had a blessed sunrise Resurrection Sunday celebration and breakfast. It was a great opportunity we had to invite unbelievers to be part of it and hear the Gospel message that was preached.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, financial support, and encouraging cards.

May the richest blessings of the Lord be upon your lives and ministry! May the Lord bless you all!

Under His Care,

Paulo and Marilza Tavares

Prayer Requests

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