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Winning Souls  
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Discipling Believers  
Training Leaders

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Dear supporters and prayer partners,

Joinville, Brazil, April 3, 2017

As we write to you today there is an overwhelming sense of gratitude in our hearts, for we are reminded that there are special servants of the Almighty that take the time to pray fervently for missionary families, such as ours, spread out all around the world, for which we are eternally thankful. Truth be told, each and every day we face our commission on this field we draw strength from such knowledge, as we look unto Jesus... lest we faint.

The work of the ministry continues as we reach out to the Adhemar Garcia community where the new church plant is in its 10th month. In recent years here in Brazil, we have seen a rapid increase in the number of so called "evangelical churches" across the country, most of which are Pentecostal in doctrine and preachers of the so called "prosperity gospel." Joinville, being the largest city in the state of Santa Catarina, is no different. At last count there are at least ten different branches of these groups within a five hundred yard radius of our church. Please pray for us as we preach and teach the precious Word of God and do all that we can to spread the true gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus alone.

As we daily live and minister here, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 2:8. In the reality of our context, we are surrounded by trouble and perplexing events such as, three murders within one hundred yards of our church in the last month. Then, just fifty feet from the front gate of our church, a man threw gasoline on a small child and would have set him on fire if it were not for neighbors stopping him. On some nights, especially Fridays, we can hear the drums beating at the Spiritist center just a block away, between the church and our house. And just last week a young man ended his own life by hanging himself only ten blocks away from the doors of our church. There is a high volume of illegal drugs being sold and consumed in this area as well, bringing with it every immoral character imaginable.

I mention this as a reminder that we need your constant prayers. We ask for protection yes, but we also ask God to daily strengthen us with courage and boldness as we battle for Christ on this dangerous front. People need the Lord! And we are here to share His precious message of hope, mercy, grace and assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ the Son of God!

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." 2 Corinthians 4:10. Thank you for your prayers for us.

In Christ for you, serving in Joinville - Brazil,

*James & Soraia Allen*

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; **Romans 15:30**