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Second Generation Missionaries

Dear supporters and prayer partners,

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**Goals:**Winning Souls
Planting Churches
Discipling Believers

Birthdates: James: 09-07-1968 Soraia: 07-16-1970 Matthew: 01-03-1990 Priscilla: 10-13-1993 Stephanie: 09-26-2005 Frank: 10-18-2007

Anniversary: 07-16-1988



P.O. Box 519 Braselton, GA 30517 706-654-2818 www.mwbm.org Greetings from Joinville. This year's theme for our church is "Commitment" with Luke 9:23 as our theme verse. The Lord is working in the hearts and lives of our people through these messages and teachings.

God is doing great things around here: In early February we planned for a special day at our church for the neighborhood children. We set the date and time for Saturday at 3:30pm. On Thursday of that week, Soraia dressed up with her clown outfit and we walked the streets inviting the kids to come to church for this special event.

Well Saturday came, and it did not look good. The weather was terrible and right at about 3:00pm, it rained buckets of water on us as we waited for the children to come. Everyone thought, "There's no way these kids are going to get out in this weather!"

But you know what? God worked it out so that at 3:30 the rain stopped for just enough time so that 41 children and one adult came to participate in the activities of that day. And even though it rained again pretty much the rest of the afternoon, those children were there and they heard a clear gospel message and felt loved by our people.

**Souls are being saved and discipled:** Soraia and I had the privilege of witnessing to a lady named Nereide. We have been praying for her salvation for about seven years now, and as I sat at one end of her dining room table, sharing from God's Word the plan of salvation, Soraia would help her open her Bible to the verses I was using. All the while, there were six Roman Catholic images of different sizes sitting on top of the counter behind me. But after some time, Nereide surrendered to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and trusted in Christ as her Savior! Soraia is now discipling her, and we are praying for her to grow in the Lord.

**Please pray** with us for the salvation of family and friends of our church members. Pray for our church to continue being a strong witness for the Lord in this neighborhood and beyond. Pray for the Lord to supply the financial need for our church to purchase property and to build. Pray for our son Matthew who is very distant from the Lord right now.

**Upcoming events:** We are excited about my brother Scott and his family coming to Brazil to work with us in April. We are also excited about my Dad coming to be with us for our churches 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration May 3-5.

**Thank you:** I know that times are tuff, and that most of us are having to make difficult decisions in our finances to cut cost and to do our best to make ends meet. So I want to say thank you very much to you, our supporting partners, for your continued support of our family and ministry. I pray that the Lord will supply your every need.

Occupying till He comes, 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; Rom 15:30