

Second Generation Missionaries

Joinvile, March 11, 2014

Dear supporters and prayer partners,

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Goals: Winning Souls Planting Churches Discipling Believers

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Anniversary: 07-16-1988



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On the 29th of December the church had a special meeting in appreciation of the missionaries that God used to start this work and that have prepared them for this moment. Many expressed their gratitude to my family and me in helping them in their Christian walk, They were also thankful for the influence of my parents, Phillip and Charlotte Allen, and my brothers family, Scott and Donna Allen for their work here in the last seven months of 2013.

At Present: We are now working with my brother Scott in the development of a new church plant here in Joinville. Being led by God to start the Igreja Batista Rocha Sólida (Solid Rock Baptist Church) in the Adhemar Garcia neighborhood, on the east side of the city, we began to have Sunday school and Sunday evening services, as well as Wednesday night prayer meetings in Scott and Donnas' living room. On several Sunday nights in January and February the Lord gave us the opportunity to visit and preach in several fundamental Baptist churches in nearby towns as well.

As we set out to find a good location to rent for the church, the Lord led us to my mother in law, Oraci. For many years she has voiced her desire to see a church started in the building that is on her property in Adhemar Garcia. She will charge us only half the rental value beginning May 2014, and agreed to allow us to make the necessary modifications and renovations on the building. So work began on February 17.

Scott and I have taken this step by faith, trusting the Lord to supply the necessary funds needed for the renovation. The total so far is at about \$4,360.00, including labor and materials used. We are still lacking electrical work, tile work, PVC ceiling installation, and materials so we can do the painting. We are so grateful for offerings given in February totaling \$915.00 and another \$500.00 has been promised. Would you please consider a onetime offering toward this need? We thank you in advance.

Looking Forward: My parents, Drs. Phillip and Charlotte Allen will be with us in April and May for several special meetings and some precious family time with all of us here. In April, Dad, Scott and I will be preaching two missions conferences and one other meeting in Minas Gerais and São Paulo States. Please pray for safety as we travel. Pray also for souls to be saved and for laborers to surrender to the call.

Then in May we will be back in Joinville making preparations for the official inauguration service at the new location of the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Adhemar Garcia planned for May 10th 2014. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Laboring for Christ in Joinville,

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