

The James Allen family

MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

Second Generation Missionaries

Joinville, October 2013

Dear supporters and prayer partners,

When the Lord placed the desire in my heart to start a church in the city of Joinville, I began to plan it all out in my mind. I already knew the name; "Igreja Batista Vitória" (Victory Baptist Church), in honor of our home church in the USA. Now we needed to find the right neighborhood to start. Find the right location in the neighborhood to rent a building. Get all the necessary furnishings: benches, tables, and pulpit. Gather Sunday School materials, Bibles and song books, etc.

Being led by the Holy Spirit and with the invaluable help and counsel of my Father, veteran missionary to Brazil, Dr. Phillip Allen, we chose the location and made all of the necessary preparations and on May 3, 2003, we celebrated the first official service of the Igreja Batista Vitória in the southern neighborhood of Joinville named Petrópolis.

Ten years have swiftly passed by. By God's grace, souls have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Through the working of the Holy Spirit the church has grown and is now made up of a dedicated and faithful group.

Early on, God brought to us a young man named Ricardo Hogrefe and his wife Monica. God called Ricardo to preach and so he and his wife started Bible College. We have invested much time and finances in the life of this man, and we have watched him grow in the Lord and mature, remaining faithful through adversity. We had the privilege of ordaining Ricardo into the Gospel ministry on May 7, 2011. This godly man has served with us faithfully for almost ten years and now the Lord has lead us to "set in order the things that are wanting" and to "commend them to the Lord,".

So with much excitement we announce that on December 07, 2013 we will be placing Pastor Ricardo Hogrefe as the Pastor/President of the Igreja Batista Vitória in Joinville. As a missionary, this is a very emotional moment for me, but also very joyful in that this is the fulfillment of our duty, and the end to which we began this work, that is to one day turn it over to a godly, faithful, well equipped national pastor.

My brother Scott and I are seeking the Lord's direction as to where to begin the second church in this great city of six hundred thousand people, the largest city of the state.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support, both indispensable to this ministry.

In Christ Jesus,

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*

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