

THIBAUDEAU PRAYER LETTER

December 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). We want to wish each of you warm Christmas greetings and God’s many blessings at this closing of the year.

NEW PRESIDENT

Brazil has elected a conservative president! We want to thank all those who prayed for the presidential elections here in Brazil. Mr. Bolsonaro started his campaign, going from city to city, sharing his conservative plan for Brazil. While on the streets, shaking hands with Brazilians, he was stabbed in the stomach and had to discontinue his campaign. He remained in the hospital most of the time up until the election. Though he was away from the public, he was able to get his message to the people.

There were eight presidential candidates in the first run-off on October 7. It was narrowed down to two candidates for the final phase on October 28. Bolsonaro won the popular vote and will take office on January 1, 2019.

TEACHERS’ CONFERENCE

Our church will host a teachers’ conference on Saturday, December 8. We have invited a Child Evangelism missionary to come and conduct an all-day seminar on teaching children. We have also invited people from our area churches to this special conference for all involved in the children’s ministry at church. Our church will also provide a noon meal for all in attendance. We are looking forward to this day of instruction and fellowship. Please pray for God’s blessing on this conference.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year our church children will present a play about the first Christmas. The children are very excited to be involved in this special program. We are very busy making costumes for all, including Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and angels. We are thankful for the help of Becky’s parents, who are staying with us for three months.

Our church women are also preparing a short cantata to present on the 16th of December. Please pray for these special programs and that God will bless our efforts with the salvation of souls.

MISSIONARY OFFERING

Throughout this year, each person at church has been collecting coins for a special missionary offering. We each have our own little “banks” that we will bring to church the first Sunday in December. The coins will be counted and the value sent to our Brazilian missionaries.

We have also been collecting items such as toothpaste, hand soap and the like to give to a hospital chaplain who will distribute these items to needy hospital patients. We are pleased to see the participation of our people in these special efforts to help others.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

1. Pray for our national pastor’s health. He needs surgery for a herniated disk in his back, which is very difficult to schedule. He has been in much pain for months.
2. Praise the Lord for Geneis’ complete recovery from his serious fall in August.
3. Pray for land for our mission work in Aguas Espraiada.
4. Praise the Lord for a new young couple in our church, Marcos and Jackeline , who were married in October.

In His service,

Jeff and Becky Thibaudeau