

# THIBAUDEAU PRAYER LETTER

March 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

## TEEN CAMP

Our Spiritual Battle was the theme of this year's teen camp, which ran from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. With 45 teens from four churches, they had a good number for the two teams, called Swords and Shields. Points were given for participation and Bible verse memorization. Some were able to memorize all 20 verses and a few even recited them all at once, gaining even more points for their team. Our son Daniel was able to take time off from his two part-time jobs in the States and attend the camp also.

We praise the Lord for two precious souls who trusted Christ during camp, one being Rogerio from our church and the other, a girl from another church. Others also made decisions to live for Christ. We are thankful for two couples from our church who helped as counselors and for two of our ladies who volunteered to help in the kitchen. What a blessing to see the dedication of our church people, as well as couples and individuals from Victory Baptist Church, making teen camp possible.

## EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR MEN

Five of our church families are having a difficult time finding permanent employment. Some have found work at factories but are dismissed after 12 months. Brazil has a policy that companies can hire and dismiss workers in a 12-month period without having to hire them permanently or pay all their benefits. As a result, it is hard for people to find permanent employment. It is rare to see a sign saying "Now Hiring" here in Brazil.

## BI-MONTHLY COUPLES' MEETINGS

This year our church is having bi-monthly couples' meetings on Saturday evenings to strengthen our couples and encourage spiritual growth. Our first in February was well attended by 15 couples. Besides a special challenge from God's Word we have a time of group activities and fellowship. A young pastor came with his wife and spoke to us on the secret of a happy home.

## REGIONAL LADIES' MEETING

Our ladies are preparing to host a regional ladies' meeting on March 23. We are figuring out how to seat about 150 ladies from 10 churches, as well as providing refreshments at the close of the afternoon. An offering will be collected to help a Baptist seminary in Venezuela. This is the first time our church will host such an event. Becky has prepared a variety of Bible questions for a group activity. Please pray for God to prepare hearts to hear His Word on this special afternoon.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

1. Praise for salvation decisions at teen camp and God's protection and provision.
2. Pray for employment for five of our church men.
3. Praise for the couples' meeting in February.
4. Pray for the ladies' meeting on March 23.

In His service,

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