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Dear Prayer Partners,

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" (*Proverbs 16:9*).

We rejoice in knowing that our Lord directs our steps. Many times, we make plans and the Lord changes them. He is our sovereign, all-knowing God. He knows what we do not. He knows the hearts and the intentions.



In our latest prayer letter, we rejoiced at the opportunity to baptize eight new disciples of Jesus! Our two daughters, Sophia and Isabella, were baptized, along with Patricia's sister Michelle. We had prayed for the salvation of Michelle for many, many years. Cleide, who used to be a devout Catholic, was baptized and is faithful to every service. Felipe and Aline are growing in the Lord and participate actively in the life of the church.

We rejoice at these blessings, but also at the trials the Lord puts us thorough as he accomplishes His will in His church. The last few months have been especially difficult for our church.

We had planned an ordination council for Douglas, our national coworker. I had been training Douglas for four years, meeting with him on Tuesdays for three hours to study Scripture together, pray, and teach him about ministry in general. Unfortunately, just before his ordination council came, we discovered several financial misdealings on his part. We also discovered that these misdealings brought about untruthful statements and lies. In light of this situation, the church decided to cancel the ordination council and remove him from his pastoral duties. Unfortunately, Douglas decided to leave our church altogether. We are very saddened by this situation. The church was greatly impacted, as expected by this serious situation. Moreover, three families (all

related to each other) decided to leave our church because of this. Please pray for our church as we recover from these hardships.

We do rejoice in knowing that the Lord, who knows the hearts, revealed to us what was initially hidden from us. We rejoice in knowing that the Lord is caring for His church, intervening and guiding according to His will. Please pray for us as we seek another pastoral candidate for Faith Baptist Church, here in the western section of Sao Paulo. This search will impact our near future plans. Please pray with us for the Lord's direction.



In this season of trials, we rejoice that Marcelo and Nayara have indicated that they want to join our church. Marcelo was saved three years ago when a personal friend of his shared the Gospel with him. Patricia has been sharing the Gospel with Nayara for over four years. We have been doing Bible studies with them and they are eager to learn and grow. Please rejoice with us and pray with us for their spiritual growth.

Pray also for Juberlanda, who has been visiting our church quite often. At this point, we are not sure about her spiritual standing, but she has been eager to learn about the Bible. Pray that she may know for sure that Jesus is her Savior!

We rejoice in knowing it is a privilege to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We rejoice at the blessing and trials He brings to our lives and to our church. We rejoice at his leading. "Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care."

Patricia and the kids are doing well. They are a great help in the ministry.

Pray for us as we minister here in Brazil. Pray for us as we seek His favor and strive to do His will. Pray that He keeps His flock from sin. Pray for the salvation of souls and growth of new believers.

For the souls in Brazil and for His glory,

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Juberlanda and Aline, new convert.

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