



**GOD'S WORK . . .
OUR JOY!**

Greetings from HOT São Paulo, Prayer Warriors!

Yes, CHRISTmas and Summer go together here.

May we start by wishing each of you a BLESSED time with family, friends, church family and more as you reflect on God's INCREDIBLE gift of His Son, who was delivered wrapped up in an "Earthsuit" for US!! It was everything BUT a "silent night" since a Cosmic Spiritual War was going on, as Revelation 12 reveals! We're SO thankful that Jesus stooped so low, because He loves His Church so much!

With our new ministry of shepherding our colleagues (as Brazil Field Administrator) that we started in March, we spend one more month stateside, helping approve, train, encourage AND celebrate BMM's new missionary candidates who become appointees. We had a good group this year and were especially excited that God had already been working in the background before we even made our new BMM Global strategic plan public, sending us a couple to

minister to one of the most forgotten people groups in the world . . . the DEAF! The husband was born deaf and he and his wife are now raising support to minister full time to deaf people. There's another candidate whom the Lord called to the Netherlands who also has a burden for deaf ministry and knows sign language! As we seek to AMPLIFY the reach of the Gospel around the world through enlisting, equipping and expanding, it's exciting to see what our Awesome Father is already doing.

Our time in the States was exhausting – a GOOD exhausting – but still . . . exhausting. Driving 10,000+ miles in 11 weeks, a couple of flights, and sleeping in countless different beds in different places was all offset by the wonderful and encouraging meetings and encounters we had. EVERY SINGLE ONE of them was a blessing to our hearts, from reporting to churches to meeting with individuals or couples (sometimes 3 or 4 in one day!). What a privilege it is to be able to continue being used by the Lord after 40+ years!! It's SO undeserved, and we're grateful that God never gives up on us. ***Scroll past the pictures for more news!***



BMM's new Strategic Plan to continue advancing Christ's Kingdom with His passion, for His glory!



Our MKs at a fun trampoline park outing!



MILKSHAKES after burgers at the mall!



Our men hanging out for a day



Our ladies' Christmas gathering



News & Links

Check out our smartphone ready "Newsflash" page!

Just point your phone camera at the QR code and tap the link that pops up



A pizza party with our new pastor, friends, and Castro Alves leaders



Some of the pastors who were at our one-day conference

A CRAZY SCHEDULE WITH GOD'S BLESSING!

First, the link below is another way to access our "NEWSFLASH" page that we normally update every 15 days!! Stay in the "know" and pray even better for us!

<https://sites.google.com/view/santosbmm?pli=1>

Since getting back home, our pace has continued to be pretty insane! Ten days after returning, we welcomed the BMM Brazil MKs and BMM's own member care couple to our retreat center for a week. Thanks to some generous friends, we were able to make it as epic as we'd hoped, with lots of amazing food, some surprises, and even some spending money! The morning and evening Bible study sessions were very impactful and Dave, along with 2 other colleagues who are also Brazil MKs, got to encourage and challenge the teens with their testimonies as well. The teens made T-shirts with everyone's handprints on them and also made MANY great memories! What a privilege it was to pour into them. We hope it happens again and is replicated in other places around the globe!

Ten days after the MK retreat, we welcomed our sending church's new pastor and wife along with the mission's committee head and his wife (who are great friends) for a week. It was great to show them a little bit of what God has done and is doing in our huge city. We had our mission's Thanksgiving gathering a week early in order to fit everyone's schedules, so they met some of our colleagues as well!

Right after Thanksgiving, we hosted a team of 4 pastors and a church leader. We hosted a one day conference with 35 Brazilian pastors in attendance. The goal was simply to encourage the Brazilian pastors. We gave them a book and fed them well. The team was SO encouraging to us as well, and wants to continue ministering to these Brazilian pastors we love and are ministering to!

Our church had cantatas 2 weeks in a row this month. The kids and teens first, and then the adults. For the first time EVER, they did all of it without either of us helping! It was so awesome to listen to them singing - even though it was little bit hard to not be participating and to be reminded that we've done all

we're supposed to and they're carrying on well . . . without us! Our schedule this year just did not allow us to be able to participate, and how encouraging it was to both us and them to see them "walking on their own two feet"! Our babies have grown up! Praise the Lord!

Dave is finishing up his pastoral training with Christian. Castro Alves Baptist just voted him in unanimously as Pastor Alex's "apprentice" for a year - to then officially become his assistant! Both Christian and Lene quit their jobs and are learning to walk more by faith. Lene has a small cosmetics and perfume business she's starting, and Christian is temporarily helping care for the retreat center so as to have some income since at present, our church can only give him a small offering monthly. We're SO PROUD of them! Their son Bryan, who was born right after their wedding (same day!) just graduated from high school and led a classmate Gabriel to the Lord this year. God has transformed this family and HIS story in them is absolutely amazing!

We got a 3-week respite which is now almost over and the Lord knew we needed it! We both got a lingering cough that has hung on for a couple of weeks. We are finalizing prep for a group we're hosting that arrives January 5th for 2 weeks. We'll be doing many things and one of the biggest is a VBS. We count on your prayers for stamina and good health for all of us as we minister, learn, and grow!

A week after the group leaves we head to the annual South Brazil Pastors' Conference and we have TWO books we're giving them thanks to generous donors!!

We want to thank you once again for your FAITHFULNESS! Your giving and prayers continue to sustain us, enable us, and open doors of opportunity to share and show our Savior's love to many people in many places. We DO NOT take any of it for granted. So again, THANK YOU!!!

It's SUCH an honor to serve Him with your help,

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