

Things to Come Mission

Dear friends and partners,

2020 has certainly been a challenging year but it has definitely not stopped our almighty God from working and accomplishing His purposes. This year began with a cancelled furlough for us. My son and I (Joe) arrived in the US to visit many of you and, shortly after, churches were closed. We had to rush home to be with the rest of the family before airports in Brazil were closed. We were able to take the last flight guaranteed to land in Recife. As soon as we arrived, churches were closed here as well, and we began to pray and wonder what we would be able to do during the pandemic.

We knew at this point online was the way to go. We have always been open to technology and have tried to keep up with the newest ways to convey the unchanging message of grace through new means and tools. We had been streaming our services live on Facebook for over a year, so we already knew we could reach people that way, but we decided to improve the quality of our streaming and start using YouTube.

The Lord has blessed us with a son and ministry partner, Nathan Campos, who is keen in technology, is very creative, and has an incredible ability to keep learning and walking us through many technological challenges. With his help, we transferred all our services, small groups, discipleship, counseling sessions, and Bible Institute training to online platforms.

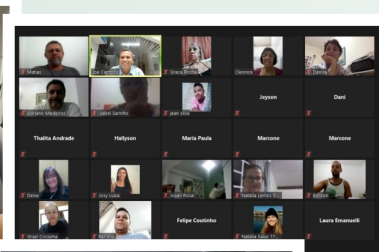
It is also a blessing to have a multi-talented family who could minister together in our online services, when any type of gathering was prohibited. Bella and Nathan both have servant hearts and are ministry minded, and we thank God for this wonderful gift! Nathan is heavily involved with us leading the youth, preaching, discipling, and in the praise band. He also does all the art work, sound, video, lighting, photography, and book covers for our ministry. Pray for him as he finishes his online Biblical studies at Berean Bible Institute and pursues full-time ministry.

We are so thankful to the Lord that we have been able to keep growing and developing during such a challenging time. In fact, our small groups tripled in size! We had to open 3 new groups to accommodate the newcomers. We realized this format is even better for some people who live very far away from our churches and cannot make it to any midweek services due to heavy traffic in our very over populated city. Now, once the small groups start meeting in person, we will continue to offer the online option for those who cannot come.

There were also some new needs which arose during this time. Since many were unable to work due to lockdowns, there was an emergency need to provide food for many of our church families. Also, one of our pastors needed a new roof, a garage, and windows installed in his house, so we were able to take on these projects with your continued prayers and financial support.



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In the end of June we were able to re-open our churches, with some restrictions. Interestingly, our online services on YouTube attracted new people, and one of our churches even grew during the months it was closed. In fact, when the elderly are allowed to return, we will need to purchase more chairs! PTL!

So much is happening in Brazil! However, nothing was more exciting than when we started streaming our Bible Training program through Zoom. We always talked about having our training program online, but felt we never had the technology, students, or structure to do it. But again Nathan was able to help us set it up and we decided to give it a shot. Praise God we have had great results so far! We currently have 40 students enrolled, from 4 different regions of this very large country! We are having the opportunity to train men and women for ministry in places we only dreamed of in the past. Who knew God would use this challenging time to accomplish so many wonderful things!



Our Portuguese Literature ministry is also blooming. We have 3 booklets by Vernon Schutz being printed, we are finishing up some details of *Real Baptism* and *Understanding the Book of Acts* (Charles F. Baker), and we are preparing to print *Commentary on 1st and 2nd Timothy* (C. R. Stam). These are all so very needed!

Please pray for us, that we will always depend on the Lord to give us strength and wisdom to continue to meet the many challenges set before us. There is such an enormous need here for people to hear not only about the grace *that brings salvation to all men*, but the grace that sustains us daily and *instructs us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age* (Titus 2: 11,12).

We thank the Lord for each one of you who continue to partner with us as we minister in Recife, Brazil, and regions beyond. We continue to preach, teach, disciple and care for the Brazilian people God sends our way, and God has been so faithful in sustaining us, teaching us, loving us and providing growth.

We would like for you to prayerfully consider helping fund the printing of these and other books. It cost about 1000 dollars per book title, including translation and printing. Also, Project ABBA Christmas Project is just around the corner! \$8 dollars will provide an outfit and a toy for an underprivileged child.



"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you [in us, and in the Brazilian saints] will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6)

Only because of His grace,

Joe & Michelle Campos (Bella and Nathan)

**G is for GRACE. It reached us, sustains us,
and motivates us to move forward.**