

Campos Update - Nov. 2023



Family

Our oldest daughter Elly just went to another appointment to check the baby's health and he is doing great. They found out that he is looking so big that he might be born one week earlier. I hope the little guy wait for Michelle and I to arrive there to welcome him to our family. They finally picked a name for him, and he is going to be called Thomas. Grandma and Grandpa are excited to see him and big brother Lincoln.

Our son Nathan and his wife Aline continue to serve faithfully in the ministry here in Brazil. Nathan is on schedule to finish his associate of Biblical Studies this December. He will be entering the process of ordination with our association of churches in February. Aline is finishing her final architecture project. She is designing a church and she will be presenting the project in two weeks. Please, pray that both Nathan and Aline be able to manage their time well to balance their ministry responsibilities and studies.

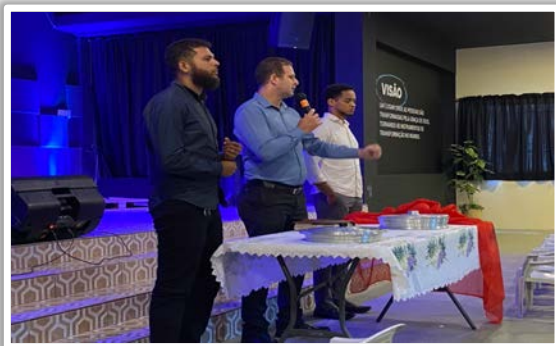
Michelle is still struggling with a lot of pain on her left knee. She has been doing PT and had one of three injections in her knee. These procedures have yet to alleviate her pain. She will be going back to specialist next week to re-evaluate her treatment. Hopefully he will suggest other course of action that will ease the pain. The knee issue has made more difficult for her to carry on many ministry activities.



Thanksgiving Dinner with the Family



Family Time with Nathan, Aline, and Marcelo



Bible Students Hallyson, Geison and Felipe

Ministry

We have begun the transition of many of our responsibilities as we are getting ready to leave to the States at the of January. The leaders of the churches have been doing a great job in taking on many of these responsibilities. We praise the Lord for their willingness to lead these churches!

Training

In the area of training, I (Joe) continue to teach two classes as part of the curriculum for the Bible Institute (Homiletics and Church Government). Joe is almost done with the Small Group training handbook that will be used on January 20th training. We already have 15 leaders that will participate in the training. Our goal is to start many new small groups throughout the communities we have members. Through these groups, we have been reaching out to new people and grounding them on the Word.



Homiletics Class

Youth Meeting – Nathan Preaching



ABBA

This coming Saturday afternoon (Dec. 2nd), we will hold our first ABBA Christmas Celebration. This first one is going to be at GBC-Dois Carneiros. We will also have one at GBC-São Bento on the 9th and the other one on Dec. 16th at GBC-Ibura. We are renting a bus to bring kids from Jardim Jordão area to the celebration in Ibura. Presents have been packed by our faithful team and many other aspects of the celebrations are being done. There is still time for you or your church to be a part of this year ABBA Christmas Project. If you like to contribute towards this ministry here is a link <https://tcmusa.org/donations/>. Please, write "ABBA Christmas Project" on the designation line.

Women's Conference

We recently had our annual Women Conference. We had 83 women coming together for a time of learning, fellowship, and encouragement. The theme for this year's conference was "Transformed to Transform" based on Romans 12:2. Michelle spoke in the last day on realizing the transformation you can have in Christ to become a channel of transformation into others.



Worship Service at GBC - Ibura

Prayer

- Pray for Michelle's knee issue. Wisdom for the doctors and healing
- Pray that both Nathan and Aline be able to manage their time well to balance their ministry responsibilities and studies.
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders who are taking new responsibilities
- Pray the Lord will raise many national leaders to take more responsibilities and help us to further the growth
- Pray for our trip next year to visit churches, family and friends

Church Planting at São Bento

Praises

- Praise the Lord for a great women's conference this year
- Praise the Lord for men and women who are continuing to take more leadership roles in the churches
- Praise the Lord for the great partnership of the Grace Churches and Friends throughout the years

