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"Faint, yet pursuing!"



In Judges 8:4, we see the story of Gideon and his 300 pursuing their enemies. They were described as "faint yet pursuing them". As we face the middle of the year, many times we feel tired... **but not weary in well doing.** Grateful for the enabling grace of God. **WE ARE STILL**

GOING! Check out the blessings we've reaped these past busy months:

18 YEARS OF THE NEW LIFE MINSITRY....and STILL PURSUING.

At the end of March/beginning of April we celebrated our 18th anniversary with a *three-day Conference*. Pastor Harold Gilmer, one of the founders, was our main speaker. Every night was impactful, many visitors and the most important, we saw 3 decisions for salvation. One of them, was a young man named Julio who has been growing in grace since then.



CELEBRATING MOTHERS AND A NEW DEACON



We usually organize a special mother's banquet. This year the theme was *God's Garden*. There were about 80 ladies present, 30 of whom were visitors. A great opportunity for the ladies to bring their moms, grandmothers, aunts, friends. All of them heard a presentation of the Gospel and a blessed time of Christian fellowship.

The following Sunday, the church was packed. Our hearts filled with joy to see 8 moms and 1 dad (whose boy the mom passed away) coming from our bus route to see their kids singing. Two parents made decisions for Christ. **This was the first time that we had such a**

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good number of parents present. This reminded us that our work in the “favela” communities is not in vain in the Lord.

We also ordained *one more deacon to the ministry* – Mateus and his wife Mikaelle were saved and trained in our ministry. They have been incredible assets to the ministry. Pray for them as they grow in spiritual leadership.



PURSUING WITH BIBLE CLUBS



During June, we held a Good News club for 4 Saturdays on one of our bus routes. This was a very important area. The club brought new kids to the church, introduced several parents to our ministry and our Lord. It wasn't without opposition: loud music, gang fights.... The distractions were many! The

Spirit, however, would calm things down by the time we got to the lesson. The Gospel was declared, and many came to know Christ as their Savior. This Bible club prepped the way for.....

SUPER VBS 2023

This year we did a *Super Mario Bros theme: The Victorious Kingdom*. What a blast and incredible turnout it was! We had an average of 130 kids each day, with a total of 250 kids registered. This year we were surprised to see that about half of the kids came from the surrounding neighborhood, **this shows that our impact for Christ has increased in the community.** As far as we know at least 30 kids professed their faith in our Lord! Now it's time to follow-up with these contacts. We praise Him for the work in our kids' lives.



AMAZON FOR CHRIST

After VBS, we jumped in our next adventure. It's funny how we went from the busiest city in Brazil to one of the most isolated regions in the world: *the Vale do Javari*. The blessing of our trip:



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- **Open doors in two public schools – 600+ students reached with Gospel.**
- **Treated 350 people in 3 river communities.**
- **Saw 13 salvation decisions.**



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How Can you pray?

- ✓ **Building expansion**—we need funds for phase 3 of construction.
- ✓ **Family camp is coming** - September 7-10th.
 - Financially and spiritually – an important event for the church family.
- ✓ **Our home:** As you all know, it took us a year to find us a home. We are so grateful for our new apartment. We need to do some remodeling to accommodate better. Please pray the Lord provides for this.
- ✓ **Teen Connect in September** – Connecting teens to the Truth! Pray for open doors in the public schools of Sao Paulo.

