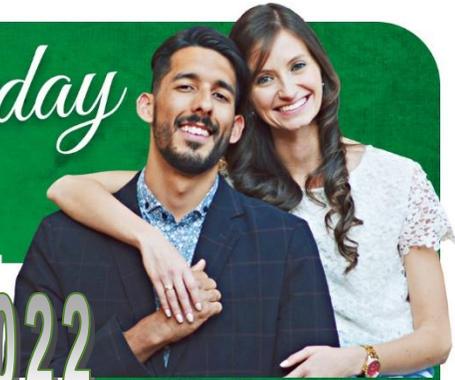




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Always Abounding in 2022

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, **ALWAYS ABOUNDING** in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” – 1 Co. 15:58*



We can't believe it's been four months since we got here! Time has flown, and yet, it feels like we've been here for over a year. SO, there's a lot to talk about!!! Sickness and uncertain circumstances have taken us and the ministry a few times, but we have seen so much growth through this season of testing. Amid these tests, we have seen that we can only abound in Jesus Christ. We praise God for your prayers and support for we have seen great fruit abounding to your account these past four months.

ABOUNDING through ADAPTATION

Yes!! Even though we grew up on the mission field, we must go through our own season of adaptation. We haven't experienced per se, "culture shock" but "ministry shock". Two key words have summed our arrival in Brazil: **MOVING** and **REARRANGING**. Within a week of our arrival, we immediately took the reins of the Sao Paulo ministry from my dad, which is a huge responsibility, and at the same time, looked to finding a new home for ourselves.

Moving- Since arrival, we have already moved three times. Finding an apartment to buy hasn't been the simplest process. We still have not felt peace about the right place. Though we enjoyed the "nomad" life God had for us through deputation, we are longing for a permanent place to get established. Please pray that God will lead us to the right place to buy!

Rearranging – Not only have we been rearranging our living conditions, but we've also been reorganizing the church since we took it over. Changing leadership, plugging in new leaders, training leaders, restarting ministries, and getting the people out of the "pandemic" spirit. Not only have we taken over as pastor and pastor wife, but we have also taken over as Youth leaders.... OH YEAH! That is until we find a new couple for our youth ministry. Pray for a new leadership for our youth.



ABOUNDING in SERVICE

Praise the Lord our ministry is a very active ministry!! It's going 24/7, nonstop. We could use a break once a while, 😊 but it has seen much fruit as a result:

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Missions conference – once we arrived, the church held its annual missions conference. God's Spirit was working in many ways. The people increased their Faith Promise giving enough so that we could take on 2 new, Brazilian missionaries. *We are currently supporting 20 missionaries, all nationals, and challenging the church to take on more.*

Discipleship – It's not enough to see new souls saved, but it's equally important to see their lives grow in grace. We are amazed to see the church already growing since we arrived. We introduced a new discipleship program headed by our assistant pastor, Carlos. New souls have been accepting Christ every month. There are already 3 new families that are looking to join the church. And 10 people going through our discipleship program.

Children's ministry –

This has ministry flourished during the pandemic.



Last year, because of COVID, we had to temporarily suspend our Sunday School Classes. For the kids to be spiritually fed, we started doing classes on Saturdays only for them. **This gave an increase in our attendance and opened a new bus**

route. Now we are back to regular Sunday school classes and Wednesday services, where they have children's choir. Each service we have *at least 40 kids, sometimes reaching 65 kids.* God raised up an effective team of college students to head up this work. Most of the young leaders were kids themselves who were reached by the ministry.

New bus - As some of you may already know, we were finally able to BUY OUR NEW BUS. It is surely bigger and better than we thought it would be. God gave us a spacious 31 passengers bus. **Since we don't have a parking lot, we will have to rent one.** Another thing we are working on is bus drivers. There's only one guy from our church qualified to drive the bus, and because of his job he is not always available. We have 2 volunteers working on getting their license. *Please pray that the Lord will provide more drivers and that He will lead us*



to the right parking lot until we can park it in our property.

New missionary - Gabriela, to the Yanomami Indians.



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Doll Tea party and Heroes meeting - this last Saturday we held our second edition! Not even our new bus was able to fit everybody: *we had 66 kids from our bus route and a total of 80 kids.* This was an important time their identity in Christ and to talk prevention, something that very prevalent at the slum towns. We see some kids getting saved and some lives to God.



teach them about sexual abuse unfortunately is had the blessing to consecrating their

ABOUNDING in UNITY

One of our main goals since we arrived is **to get the ministry out of the pandemic spirit and reunite them to the same focus.** It's been a challenge we eagerly welcome for we've seen the Lord enable us to this work. It's involved *visiting all the families of our church, including visitors and those who are distant. Having families over for lunch practically every Sunday. Reinstating ministries and programs, such as evangelism and discipleship, that had been put on hold during COVID. And bringing sermons and Bible studies instructing them in truth.* Many souls have made decisions and our Sundays attendance have increased. We have seen not only numerical growth but also spiritual growth in many lives. **True ministry effectiveness is not in quantity but in quality.** Our goals are to continue to evangelize, disciple new converts and train them to be evangelizing and discipling new converts themselves.

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Therefore, with the growth we have seen these past months, **we need to expand our church building.** With all the bureaucracy, the process has been very slow. We need to, however, start raising funds to go into the next phase of our expansion project. **Please pray the Lord will provide for this.**

How can you pray:

- ✓ *Wisdom and guidance to me as a Pastor and to Susana as the pastor's wife;*
- ✓ *For God to prepare a couple to take over our youth group;*
 - ✓ *New drivers for our bus; a parking lot;*
 - ✓ *Funds to expand our church building;*
- ✓ *The new converts growth and for the families going through discipleship.*
- ✓ *God's guidance for a new and permanent home.*