

Dear friends,

How are you doing? Praying all is well with you.

It is already December; the year went so quickly. It is hard to believe we are almost at Christmas time.

At Christmas time, Brazilians give presents as everyone does, we have a big dinner with family and put lights all over, however not like Americans from the USA.

Children in slums dream of having a toy brought by Santa Claus; a dream to have a better life, with mother and father close to them, but most of them have lost hope in life; some find hope doing wrongs things as stealing, selling drugs and even committing homicides. The reason for that we already know, only the real meaning of Christmas can give us life and hope. May He bring you to hope in this time of troubles and insecurity. May those children find hope as we take them, Jesus. Thanks for being part of this army fighting for the truth. You have been a blessing in our lives here.

We plan to have five weeks of camp; one is the staff training, then we have the little kid's week, the teens, the one for the kids from slums, and the English camp week. We hope to have enough campers for each week, as some people are still afraid of covid. We need prayers in this matter. We are about to finish the school year, and the bible clubs will stop until February; however, some schools where we conduct bible clubs have not opened yet. Hopefully, this coming year will be different. The kids need so much to hear the word of God.

We tried to have the evangelism countryside this past fall, but unfortunately, because of covid, we couldn't. Hopefully, this coming year we will be back to this ministry again. These poor people need to know Jesus so badly, and we can't wait to reach them out. We also haven't been able to have a BCM conference for two years now. God willing, we would like to have one this coming year. We appreciate your prayers in this matter.



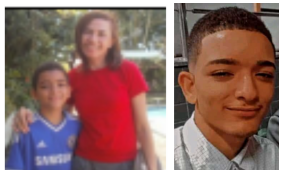
Our new dining room is still in the process of construction. Right now, we are still working on the floor.

Our government is trying to impose on us the vaccine passport, ask the Lord to change this picture, as many of us do not want to take this vaccine. We have had many people who died here from vaccines side effects.

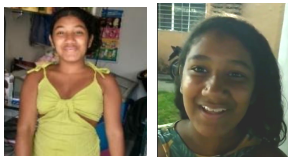
Here are some reports of some of the kids. Thanks for praying and caring for them. Each little prayer is a great blessing in their lives.



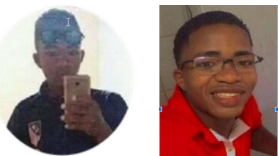
RHALDNEY- He had a life of prostitution before his conversion. When he was a new convert, he dated a girl and she got pregnant. He was disciplined but remained in church. Today he works and lives with his family in Santa Catarina. He has two daughters, the first when he was a new convert and the second with his wife.



JOÃO GUSTAVO is a drug user. His parents have shared custody, but João does not obey either of them. He has changed a lot! He used to be a God-fearing man despite his broken family, but today we can see his distance from spiritual matters. He attended the camp in 2014 and at that time he was attending church with an aunt.



GRISLAYNE - The information we have is that the girl went to her boyfriend's house and gave herself up to him. After that, she said that her boyfriend was her husband, her mother beats her and is trying to take care of her, but the mother is not an example to live by.



MARCELO- He lives in a functional family but in severe poverty. He is currently working in a neighborhood grocery store. When he started to participate in the camp he was about 8 years old. Every time he participated he gave his life to Jesus. He has been in the church for about a year where he went through a discipleship program.



RYAN- His brother and him are living with their grandmother, their mother has cancer and is being treated for cancer. She can only take care of his younger brother at the moment. He is undergoing skin treatment at a hospital in Recife and has had results. He is a 17-year-old boy. He is not in the church.



VITÓRIA- She takes care of her nephews and due to problems in her family she cuts herself. We ask for prayer for her mother, that she may have wisdom to lead her home. Vitória also asks for prayer for her mother, because she is not able to carry the recycling cart, it is too heavy! Thus, she has been bringing in little material and the family's already low income is becoming more difficult every day.



This is a party in one of our bible clubs, touched by Teacher Dora (my sister) and her son Allan Gusmão (our future BCM missionary), who helps her mother with the kids. Dôra teaches 80 teens in just one bible club on Friday night, and that night there were more than 150 kids at the party.

Please, meet Mary and her beautiful story:

***There's a link for her full testimony in video in the body of the e-mail**



Hi, everybody! Greetings in the name of Jesus! My name is Marilúcia. I am 24 years old. And I'm here to tell you a little bit about my testimony in BCM Camp.

I started to participate in Bible Clubs with teacher Priscila (Bible Clubs). She was the one whom God used so that I could start learning the Word of God, and she was also the connection for me to get to know the BCM and BCM camps.

So, I was very excited to go with my friends to go to the Bible Club. So, I went to BCM Camps every year. Sometimes in January, sometimes in July.

The first time I went to the camp I was 11 years old. It was wonderful. After that I never missed the Bible clubs with Priscila. In 2021, I went to relive and remember the good memories I had with the BCM camp. I received Christ, and I wanted to follow and know HIM more.

I am very, very thankful to the Bible Club teacher Priscila for being a channel for me to get to know BCM, and I am very thankful to the BCM camp for having participated in the camp. The experience I had with BCM camps is like a gift for me to be what I am today.

Then I found a church. I started to participate, got baptized, and had my Christian walk there for 7 years and I thank God for that because I grew a lot spiritually. Now I am 24 years old, learning the Word day by day, living more and more the Gospel. I have moments when I stumble, moments when I think about giving up, but I know that God will always be with me to pick me up and to restore me.

Thank you for inviting me to share my testimony!

Praises and prayer requests:

- Praise the Lord we are planning a camp season for January; ask the Lord to send us enough campers and staff each week.
- Praise the Lord for the kids who have their lives changed, ask Him to help those kids to live each day and walk in His pass.
- Praise the Lord the dining room looks much better now; ask the Lord to help us finish it that He will provide the money and the right people to work on it.
- Praise the Lord we were able to do some bible clubs this year, ask the Lord to open the rest of the schools, that in this coming year, we will be able to reach the schools as we did before.
- Praise the Lord He still sits on His throne; ask Him to help us against this control of vaccine matter.
- Praise the Lord the covid virus infection here in Brazil is very low. Ask the Lord to show how many lies surround this virus subject.
- Praise the Lord. We were able to do some bible clubs in public schools and ask the Lord to open the rest of the schools closed for two years now.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

May God richly bless you and give you a better year, peaceful in His presence.

With a big Brazilian hug,
Maria and Antônio



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