



News from

The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



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Dear prayer partners,

When we go to the mall or grocery store these weeks preceding Easter Sunday, we're reminded of how far the resurrection of our Savior is from people's minds. Commercialism has loaded the shelves with a variety of chocolate "eggs," intermingled with fuzzy, fanciful bunnies. The chocolate tastes good and the bunnies are cute, but they have absolutely nothing to do with the saving work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are encouraging the congregations to take advantage of the focus of Easter, and to tell the Truth about the resurrection. Jesus Christ is the only answer to a full pardon before God and receiving the blessed hope of eternal life. The Scriptures give testimony that one *can* know for sure that they will go to heaven at the end of this physical life, and not be eternally condemned to the Lake of Fire. Jesus Christ "was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." (Romans 4:25).



Chocolate "eggs" hanging at the supermarket



Clovis and Ivone (center), who are joining the new congregation, and Alexandre, a returning visitor

The Lord has been gracious in our ministries, helping us work with two congregations. The newer work, the Victory Baptist Church, now has an average attendance of 16 for both the Sunday night and mid-week services. We've had 15 first time visitors during this quarter, with one couple already joining the congregation.

The numbers are lower at the Independent Baptist Church, as most all of those who were participating either moved away or are now part of the Victory Baptist Church since they live significantly closer. At IBC, we have gained a young widow and her youngest daughter, Sarah (9yrs old). Edilene and her deceased husband were actually part of our first church plant twenty years ago. Nicole, who is 11yrs

old, and one of the first converts, is still coming. We have had one first time visitor at a youth meeting, Tiago, a friend of Nicole. At times we have members of VBC participating at the mid-week service, which is a blessing and encouragement.

Please continue to be in prayer for the outreach of both congregations. We've had several opportunities to share our faith and present the Gospel. John has had the privilege to give his testimony of salvation and witness of Christ to his English student, Marcio.

We praise the Lord for special offerings that we've received to cover the expenses of our emergency trip in November, and also to help set up the new church plant! Our expenses in regard to our daughter's accident have all been paid, and we should have enough to cover all the construction and set-up needs for VBC.



Neila and Edilene training for the music service

Our prayer requests in summary are:

- Both church plant evangelistic outreach ministries, church services, and discipleship program.
- The tithes and offerings of both congregations.
- For continued health and safety for our family.

Thank you again for your prayers and support for our ministry and family. May God's blessings and grace continue to be with you!

In His service,

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