



News from

The Yelles

Serving the Lord in

Caxias do Sul, Southern Brazil



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Dear prayer partners,

The ministry is moving forward here in southern Brazil, and with that comes the trials. God's grace has been sufficient to help us on a daily basis.

Right after our last letter was printed and getting ready to be sent, on August 1st our house was robbed. Neila and I were away at church, on a drizzly foggy night when it happened. Nearly all of our music, video, and office equipment, our yard work and construction tools, as well as shoes, clothing and food were taken. The calculation is a \$10,000 loss. We do have homeowners insurance, but it wasn't sufficient. We praise the Lord in this experience for three things: 1) That we were not home at the time, as these situations tend to be violent here in Brazil; 2) that with the insurance and special offerings given, \$7,000 in funds have been supplied; and 3), that the Lord has given us much grace and encouragement to continue going forward with the ministry.



Father's Day service

August 11th was Brazilian Father's Day. We had a special service that night, and 50 people attended. That was a record breaker for Victory Baptist Church! Several attending were first time visitors.

On August 31st the Victory Baptist Church hosted a Couple's Dinner, which involved participation of both mission congregations. A total of 19 couples attended, 10 of which were visiting couples!

John is currently giving a once a week study on church history on Mondays. There are seven people participating. They are amazed and horrified about the courage and persecutions that the Anabaptists experienced in times past. We have so much to be thankful for with our religious freedoms both in the USA and here in Brazil!

September stands out as a month of Gospel victory. Six souls made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior: one adolescent, two teens, and three adults! This coming summer (December-March here in the southern hemisphere) we'll be holding an outdoor baptismal service. We currently have over a dozen candidates.



Couples Dinner activity

As an additional praise, Alexandre (mentioned in our last letter) is finally employed after ten months without a job. Thank you for praying for him!

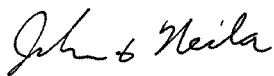
In regards to the purchase of a used 7 passenger van, we're still waiting on the Lord. Our funds are short by about \$3500 to buy one in excellent shape that will benefit the ministry for several years. With the expensive and poorly run bus system in our city, a van is a blessing in giving people rides to and from church.

Please be in prayer for the following:

- Evangelistic outreach of both the Victory Baptist and Independent Baptist congregations.
- That the Lord would provide us soon with a van in excellent condition.
- Wisdom in replacing the stolen items.
- Spiritual growth of the new converts.

We are so grateful for your prayers and concerns for our ministry. May God bless you in your walk in the Lord!

In His service,



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