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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

During a night in October of 2019, I awoke with the city of Petrolina on my heart. We had been praying for over two years for direction of a new city, a new method of starting churches, and a Brazilian that we could help start a church for him to pastor. I had started several churches throughout the years, but we were making changes in methodology. We had witnessed the benefits of helping other men to gain experience.

We made our move to Petrolina in February of 2020. I had been scheduled to hold a eight-day Bible Conference in early March. As we began the conference news began bombarding Brazil with Covid-19, and we were in lockdown for almost a month without being able to return home. When we did, we were in lockdown again. We knew one family in Petrolina. We lost almost a year. We could not travel, we could not meet new people, we could not start our Home Bible Studies, and we could not start by the old method of renting a building and holding worship services. I was able to start a Bible Study with a group of bricklayers, but haphazardly due to frequent lockdowns.

Claúdio and Jessica, a young couple sent out by his church in Salvador, moved to Petrolina in November. We had little success in finding homes open to us, but we did finish the series with the main bricklayer trusting Christ. We also started Bible Studies with Leila, a lady that is helping Hódes. She trusted Christ. As the lockdowns eased, we were able to start many studies, some already producing salvations. One couple trusted Christ and is already helping us in teaching.

In these last two months I have preached in Recife on two different occasions. I was also invited to preach the 25th anniversary conference in a church close to Salvador. I also spent a week in the Bible Institutes in the boonies. We are working with the pastors of these Bible Institutes to make some changes in the hours we teach to reach all of the men in the two main churches where we teach. The suggestion has been made to hold classes from 5 to 7 AM and from 4 to 9 PM. Then we will add two or three hours during the day to add material and tests for the students. We want to train every man and teen in the churches.

Hódes helps in the teaching. As she finished the lesson with Beatriz, a young lady, Beatriz told Hódes that she had talked to one of her cousins about her need to study the Bible. Hódes contacted her, and she will be starting classes with her on Monday. This is one of the exciting things about our Home Bible Studies – the people become involved in outreach. We began teaching George; he offered the studies to a friend at work. Disciples producing disciples – it can't be much better. I will be starting three new Bible Studies in the next couple of weeks, one with my Dermatologist and another with a dental assistant.

We ask you to continue to pray for the salvation of the following: Lucas and family; Francisca, Ivoneide, Júnior, Pamela, Beatriz, Myane, Marcos and his wife, and Elmo. I am also witnessing and teaching José (88 years old), Raimundo and Francisco (both over 65 years old). It is extremely difficult for them to understand God's grace and their incapacity to work for their salvation.

Please pray for us as we begin to make plans to start worship services with our new converts. Since we are working through a Brazilian church and pastor, the decision is not mine, but it is becoming necessary for me to force the issue. I may need to consider and start a church on the side of the city sooner than we had planned. The large Impact with over 200 people was cancelled due to the cold and Covid-19. This was to give us over 100 new Bible Studies. We have further plans to increase the number of Bible Studies.

Thank you for your prayers and support

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