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Rio News

Hello friends and family!

We send you all greetings from sunny (finally!) Rio de Janeiro. We're just starting to come out of our "winter" months here down south, and it feels good to feel the warm sun on our faces again. Rodrigo and I are doing well – we just celebrated our second wedding anniversary last month! How the time flies... We're also happy to announce that after five years of working full-time and studying at night, Rodrigo graduated from Estácio de Sá University Sunday night with a degree in Portuguese and English. Praise God!

This year has been a busy one, especially during the last few months. Rodrigo has been working hard with the Children's Ministry, organizing classes and teachers and leading children's worship. During the "campaign season," I have been focusing most of my energies on the English Ministry at our congregation. This year we hosted a Let's Start Talking team that studied the Bible one-on-one in English with around 90 Brazilians. We also had four groups of beginners, including my Tuesday night class with more than 25 participants each week. I also worked with our four summer interns, who in turn hosted two weekly English conversation classes with biblical themes, and other campaigners helped throw three "Big English Saturday" events that brought in approximately 50 visitors each. I get tired just typing all of that, but it's amazing how God worked through these classes this year.

One interesting result is a handful of college-aged students that formed a close-knit group of friends throughout the season, and the entire group continues to frequent worship services together and spend time with our young singles. Several are already studying the Bible with evangelists here at the church and volunteering regularly with our members at a local children's shelter. I'm especially enjoying studying with a young woman named Larissa, who not only is studying the Bible weekly, but is also volunteering in the English ministry teaching children. Please keep this group and other evangelistic contacts brought through the English ministry in your prayers: Caio, Giomário, Larissa, Patrícia, Rodrigo, Leonardo, Taynara, Leandro, and others...

Last but not least, we welcome Hilton Oliveira to our ministry team! Hilton recently finished his schooling at SerCris in the south of Brazil and has been hired to work primarily with youth. He will also be working with evangelism, and joins Jefferson Ché as our second full-time Brazilian evangelist. We pray for both of these young men as they mature in service and ministry, and we ask for prayers for Hilton as he makes the adjustment to life in Rio and settles in to our congregation.

As always, pray for the work in Rio and your brothers and sisters in Christ in Brazil. We would love to hear from any of you anytime, so drop us a line!

With love,
Adrienne (Nunnally) & Rodrigo Almeida

