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While we were hoping to get a little bit of down time this summer, God apparently had other plans!

The summer started with Macedonia's Refresh Week. It is a biennial conference hosted at the home office for missionaries on deputation and furlough to provide training and encouragement. Because of my new role, this was the first time I was responsible for coordinating the week. We all agreed a new approach was necessary to better meet missionaries' needs, but there was plenty of nervousness about how they would respond to the new format. God blessed more abundantly than we could have asked, and the missionaries' comments about how vital and encouraging the week was were truly humbling.



Refresh Week was not the only important date on the calendar. I was also asked to help with the first-ever Mentor Conference and Young Preacher Summit in Arkansas, designed to address the issues young men face and encourage those called to ministry. Over 50 young men attended, including more than 20 young preachers and several called to missions. Pouring into them over those days and seeing the altars full of people wanting to see God work in their lives and in their generation was incredible.



In our "down time" (lol), we were able to help two different churches going through difficult times. Because of my experience as a pastor in both the USA and Brazil, God allowed me to preach and provide counsel to the church leadership over the course of several weeks in each instance.

Please be in prayer for us as we start our meeting schedule for the fall. Naomi's health has been trending a little better, so we are thankful for that as our schedule is completely full of missions meetings from next Sunday until Thanksgiving time, and then several more meetings before the end of the year. Thank you all for your faithful support of the ministry!



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