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We have had a wonderfully busy start to the fall season! We started off the last several weeks with two workshops, both supporting missions, but in different ways. The first was a traditional Saturday missions workshop, helping people better understand what missions is about and challenging them to get more involved in reaching the world. The second was a finances workshop for a church where I spoke at their missions conference earlier this year. The pastor realized that if the church was going to increase its giving, it needed to start with learning to handle its finances better. Both had the same goal: to do more to reach the world.

The next big thing on our calendar was our trip to Brazil. The trip was necessary for two reasons: first, to preach the sixth anniversary for the church that we planted, and second, to deal with some pending paperwork regarding our visas. One situation went incredibly well! At our church's anniversary, 185 people were present (the highest attendance on record), one person was saved in the service I preached, and several children accepted Christ in the children's service. Praise God! The visa situation was more difficult than we had hoped.

This was Naomi's first trip back to Brazil since we had to leave three years ago. If you remember, when we left, it was with the belief that she had terminal cancer and would never return. The fact that she was able to return was an emotional moment for her. However, because of Naomi's illness, our sudden departure from Brazil, and her inability to travel, one of the paperwork requirements was missed. We knew this beforehand and came prepared with health documents to show what happened. While we were able to start the process, unfortunately, the person who would have been able to make that decision was on vacation. No one else was able (or willing) to process the required paperwork, so the status remains pending and may require an additional trip.

Please pray for continued health and traveling mercies over the next several weeks. This week, we will be holding orientation for five new missionary families! Then we will be doing five conferences and two missions Sundays in the next six weeks before our next update. We are so thankful to be representing each one of you and for your faithful support of the ministry!



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