



Back in the Saddle

"Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."
Ephesians 6:7

We "hit the ground running" as we returned to Brazil the beginning of March. It is great to be back with family and friends on this side of the equator. Life here is extremely exciting and full of action! Since I have waited too long to write about it, I will just have to give a brief summary of what's happened in the past 2 months. Photos help tell the story.



Grandpa giving horseback rides



Family at Easter (Andrew and Alexi missing)

Ministry on the Mission Field

We have visited all four of our Free Lutheran churches in the metropolitan area. There have been special events in each of them, including an evangelistic tent campaign, special Easter celebrations, and events for couples. Weekly we are involved in 4 Bible Studies, Saturday Bible Club for children and 3 weekly church services. Church in Bateias has been well attended and we have rejoiced in several baptisms and new people coming to church.



Tent Campaign in Cajuru



Easter service Bateias



Baptism

The poor you will have with you always

There is no end to the needs around us. We have helped several people with health needs and have also helped people with construction projects. A hailstorm in our area ruined many roofs which we helped repair. Paul personally brought a wheelchair for a young man donated by a church in the U.S. We are thankful for those who donate funds so that we can reach out and meet needs.



Building project for needy family



Hail storm in Bateias

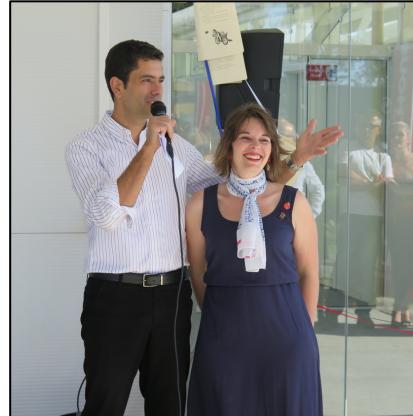


A Dream Come True

Daughter Joanna has been investing in Christian education for ten years now through her Christian bilingual school using the Principle Approach to education. They have prayed for a long time about having a new school. In April Lighthouse International school moved into their new quarters with plenty of space for the 165 students. Lots of prayer and hard work and financial investment brought them this far. Paul has spent many hours since we arrived coordinating work projects at the school. Please pray for Joanna and her staff as they strive to raise up a generation of godly children to transform society.



New Lighthouse school



Silvio and Joanna on Dedication Day



Women's Conference

In April we traveled to Iguaçu Falls for the Tenth Annual Women's conference. We had a great weekend and a chance to touch base with other pastors and missionaries.



Beautiful Brazil

This is the time of year when the big pinecones of the Paraná pine trees ripen and burst like rain showers to the ground. It's fun to collect the seeds and cook them for a fun winter snack.



Paraná pine trees



Collecting pinecone seeds



Prayer Requests

1. We have had many difficulties with our vehicles since we arrived. Please pray that we can sell one of them to pay up all our bills.
2. Pray for our interaction with people day by day and for wisdom in deciding how to best help people.
3. Pray for us as we begin to travel to Free Lutheran churches in other cities to teach about baptism and meet with couples.
4. Pray for our preparations for Pastor's Conference in June and three Bible Camps in July plus a short-term missions group.

Blessings to each of you as you pray for us and participate financially so that we can continue to make a difference in Brazil! We love you! Paul and Becky

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