

The Renos in Brazil



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Dear Praying Friends,

As with so many of you, this past month brought huge changes to our lives. We are thankful to say that we are fine. So far all of us are healthy and we have been able to get what we needed in groceries and supplies. However, all school classes have been cancelled, business hours have been reduced and we have been strongly encouraged to stay at home by our town mayor. He has put a blockade in place that prohibits us from leaving town. It also protects us from the many people that would come to Salinas for their time of quarantine. We are thankful for that, but miss being able to be out in the villages.

So what are we doing during this time? John and Fernanda are using WhatsApp to continue SS classes and church services here in Salinas. These can then be shared by cell phone with contacts in the villages also. One blessing from this is that Dani has been able to participate with us – an encouragement to her and to us!



Ronaldo, Adrieli, their two sons and two nieces after they had church together as a family!

Robynn and Hannah are also able to use WhatsApp to keep up with contacts in Jutai and Yellow Wood. ABRE classes have moved online so they are also learning new ways to teach Bible and English through videos and apps during these days. This also means that John and Fernanda are now doing Brazilian homeschooling for all three while John and Hannah continue English homeschooling for Bobby and Deborah.

Robynn has also completed a Bible study for children and has started translating an evangelistic pamphlet.

All of us are thankful for extra time to catch up on things around the house as well as seeking the Lord for what He has to say to us during this time. Pray that in these days we will be sensitive to His voice and better prepared for ministry when our schedule picks up again.

A couple specific prayer request about upcoming days:

- 1. Robynn's furlough ticket was set for May 6th. Please pray for wisdom in knowing what she should do about travel plans.**
- 2. Hannah was set to visit Dani in Madagascar from June 15th to early July. She will also need wisdom in working through her travel plans.**
- 3. Pray for spiritual growth in the lives of believers and that their lives would be a witness to the people around them.**
- 4. Pray for our people that are already feeling the squeeze from job restrictions and for wisdom for our government officials in decisions.**

Many of you prayed about the women's outreach planned for March 8th. All together we were able to have a time of Bible study and fellowship in five places! Pray for the seed sown.



Fernanda with ladies and girls in Liberty.



Robynn and Hannah with groups in Jutai and Yellow Wood.

We also were able to get school Bible classes started in four different villages. The day we went to Bonito, we hoped to make it to four or five villages but the roads were just too rough. We did get to Jari though and had incredible opportunities to witness including to the leader of the village Catholic church! Below are pictures of the roads, a school class in Iraquara and our junior age group that was meeting on Saturdays for Bible and missionary time.



Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! Love, The Renos in Brazil