## Renos in Brazil

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Dear Praying Friends,

The Lord has been at work in ever so many ways this month! John and Fernanda saw a couple saved in the village of Sao Luis! Naza is the mother of the three young ladies that were baptized along with Deborah last month. What a joy to see the Lord at work in this family. (Naza and Jandir pictured to the right)

For years John and Fernanda have worked in the village of Liberty – sometimes under a tree, sometimes in a back yard and sometimes in a community pavilion. This last month however, they were able to rent a house for less than twenty dollars a month. They have already been able to use it for Bible club classes and services! Bless the Lord for His wonderful provision.







Service and Sunday School in Liberty

The group in Jutai had a work day and were blessed to have the help of another pastor who also is a builder. He brought his son and another brother who helped us clear the land as well as lay out where the footer will go for the building. We are also rejoicing in a new lady coming to Bible study and the profession of faith of two of our Sunday School girls.

Before and After from Work Day in Jutai





Opportunities in the villages continue to grow and abound. This past month Robynn and Hannah made visits in various villages. Would you pray for the different needs?

- Santa Luzia for four young people who receive our video classes and have been invited to a youth meeting in Jutai Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. New COVID restrictions may mean we need to reschedule.
- Nazarezinha for the village catechism teacher who is receiving our classes along with a young mother and her children.
- Santa Teresinha for a young mother and daughter who are also receiving our video classes.
- Iraquara for three families who are getting our classes including Odilene, Josué and their son Kaléo.



- Monkey Hill we were able to hold a small Bible class there this month. We now have contact with one of the two mothers who sat in on the class and hope to arrange a time with her for a second class in February. Pray for Robynn as she has been working up a series of lessons that would allow us to build a foundation from Creation to Christ.
- Yellow Wood salvation of our Sunday School kids and parents! Praise the Lord we checked in with the mayor's office about us being able to continue to use the municipal building under this new administration. Permission was granted and they also offered us buildings in two villages we have never visited. Pray for the villages of Peri-Mirim and Pedrinhas.
- Saint Anthony (in the Santarem Novo municipality) Pray for Matthew and Luke who
  come to Sunday School in Yellow Wood but need to be saved. Pray for their aunt whose
  husband was murdered last year. We have been able to visit her several times and she
  is somewhat open right now. Pray also for a contact from years ago in the school with
  whom we were able to share a devotional and is interested in coming to Bible study in
  Jutai.
- Pakuja a young mother who was thrilled we remembered to take a devotional to her.
   We left our contact number with her and hope to be able to work further with her this year.

## Back in Salinas...

In the last six weeks the Lord has brought across our paths many people who used to attend the work at Abelhinha years ago. During the Christmas project we came across mothers at two different schools in villages we were visiting for the first time. Another young lady we came across when we needed directions to a new village. Parents of three young people who came to Sunday School got our attention to talk with us in the grocery store. Another day a young man working told Robynn he used to come to Abelhinha. This last week we found a young lady working close to our home and by the next day she had sent our number to her cousin who also used to attend. Would you pray for us to redeem the time and buy up the opportunities the Lord sends us as we are out and about?



The El Shadai Bible Church plant continues to work through the transition as John and his family move towards fully dedicating themselves to the works in Big Yard, Liberty and Sao Luis. Pray for the believers as they take on some of the responsibilities that John and Fernanda have had as well as prayerfully seek who the Lord will send to lead them in the future. Pray also for John, Fernanda as they work through these changes before going on furlough in August, Lord willing. Next month they will begin a family prayer letter and we will send that out to all of you through the month of May. If you would like to be added to their mailing list so that you continue to receive it, please contact John at Johnpreno3@gmail.com.

New COVID restrictions were put in place on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We are still a bit uncertain how that will affect our ministry opportunities, but here are some things that we are prayerfully planning.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Robynn and Hannah return to Bible and English classes at the private school ABRE in Salinas.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth meeting in Jutai

Feb 8th-12th – Evangelistic meetings at John and Fernanda's home in Salinas

February 13th – Junior aged youth meeting in Salinas

February 27<sup>th</sup> – outreach day trip to village of Nova Olinda

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

