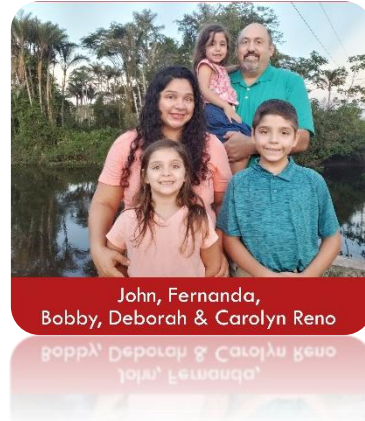


# JOHN, FERNANDA + 3 IN BRAZIL



*“And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth.” Mark.1:38*

**April 2021**

**Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners,**

**It has been a busy month with lots of plans, lots of events and everything happening different than planned. But thank the Lord, our major goals of the month were accomplished and we thank you so much for your prayers.**



**We had asked you to pray for a wedding. Here in Brazil there is the civil and the religious side, often carried out at two different places and hours. Because of Covid regulations we were not able to carry out the religious ceremony, but thank the Lord the office for the civil side was open and the couple is married. We are still waiting for freedom to have the religious ceremony and show to the community a Christian wedding.**

**We also asked you to pray for special meetings. Due to sickness of my children, which may or may not have been Covid, we were required to not have special meetings in presence. However, we were able to do the services over Whatsapp. This way, we also included some people at a distance that would not have otherwise participated.**

**Two things about the work in Salinas. One is that the church is finally teaching the children's Sunday school class. This is a great reason for rejoicing. Fernanda is sitting in the adult Sunday school class. The other is a request. For years, there has**

been a small group trying to start a church on the other side of the road. The music has deteriorated until it makes it difficult to preach or hear the Word of God. Please pray for a decided change.

March was a bit of a challenge for our family. Besides the sickness of the children that was already mentioned, Fernanda lost a grandmother due to Covid and her mother has contracted it for the second time. Her father is showing the same symptoms. Fernanda's grandmother took her to VBS as a child and later on Sunday School and was responsible for her conversion. Please pray for our family during the grieving.



Fernanda's grandmother was 87 and could no longer read her Bible because of poor vision. Robynn, who does the Bible ordering and storing, helped us to be able to give her a super large print Bible. She was thrilled and asked that it be buried with her. My mother in law told her that such a Bible was a rarity and needed to be given to someone else not buried. Fernanda's aunt, devoutly catholic, has asked for the mother's Bible to read. We thought that you should know the value of a Bible and how it continues on.

Please pray as we hope to try to get the visa that Fernanda needs this month. We have plans to visit the States in August, but without that visa, we will have to alter our plans.



Livramento, or Liberty as we generally term it in our letters, is a village that originally started from runaway slaves. Even today, there is a bit of bad feeling towards this village. There are some reasons, and some excuses. But the fact is that there are many souls. We have had years of work to be somewhat trusted by the people. We are seeing God work in hearts, and are working with one young man towards baptism. There were two, but the family of the other left and we have no way to contact them. Please pray that God would release them from the slavery of sin that they have lived in for generations.



**Young girls singing in service in  
São Luís**



**John's Birthday lunch with  
Robynn and Hannah**



**Primary class in Big Yard**

**In His Service,**

**John, Fernanda + 3**