

Robynn and Hannah Reno in Brazil



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Dear Praying Friends,

As we reflect on the last month our minds go to Isaiah 43:19. Truly our God is able to “make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” COVID cases have grown rapidly in Brazil in the last few months due to a new variant. The mayors of each municipality have the last say as to restrictions and since we work in a number of municipalities that has given new meaning to the word flexibility. In Salinas our new mayor opted for less restrictions which allowed us to continue teaching at ABRE and meeting as a church. In Jutai and Yellow Wood the restrictions have been stricter which meant we had to cancel SS, women’s Bible study and couples meeting one week. However, in the midst of all this we have seen the Lord open up the way for ministry time and time again! What a mighty God we serve!



Robynn and Hannah in Straw Town

In Salinas...

1. Praise the Lord we were able to hold a young adults meeting again this month. The scheduled speaker was unable to come because of the lockdown situation in the capital city where he lives. He graciously agreed to do the Bible study time through ZOOM and the young people were tickled to be together again. Later on in the month we were able to offer a couples meeting in Salinas with Pastor Soares teaching through ZOOM.

2. The Lord burdened Adrielli months ago to begin working with our ladies and reach out to new ones. This last month we worked with her to hold a ladies meeting and had several visitors in attendance.

3. Every other week in Sunday School we are aiding in a group study of the gospel of John chapter by chapter. Dona Lucia (Adrielli's mom) asked for help with the lessons the students are doing at home – so that has opened the door for Hannah and Adrielli to sit down and study the book of John with her. Please pray for dona Lucia's salvation.

4. Several months ago Robynn ordered some Bible study books and missionary biographies hoping to motivate our young adults to read. Several of them have stepped up to the challenge. After one of our Saturday evening meetings one man said he wanted his wife to be able to read the books and asked us to bring them the next day when she came to Sunday School with their two boys. Deborah began reading a book about Isabel Kuhn and now a month later has finished her fourth missionary biography. Her enthusiasm encouraged some adolescents to begin reading too! May the Lord raise up more to pray, give and go!

5. One of our most faithful kids from Yellow Wood recently moved to Salinas. Right away he got in contact with us, and we visited him in his new home. Several weeks passed



Robynn with a Straw Town girl.



Hannah working with the adolescents in Salinas.



A book with 42 Bible stories we are considering using for the Christmas bag project this year. Pray as Robynn works on details for that!

before he took us up on our offer for a ride to church but the last two weeks he has been in Sunday School and church. Pray for Henderson and his family.

In the Interior Villages...

1. Early on in the month we were able to hold a meeting for young ladies in Jutai. We had two come with us from Salinas, three come over from Yellow Wood, one from Santa Luzia and two from Jutai. Robynn taught the introduction to the lessons she prepared to help young ladies consider what the Lord says about friendship, dating, internet usage and other issues our girls are facing.
2. Two weeks in a row rain kept us from holding our second Bible study in Monkey Hill. The third Monday we were able to go out and teach the lesson of Creation. Please pray for us as we work with the mothers and children that have come. In the future (Pos-COVID) we would love to have a better location to be able to reach out to more families, but for now we are thankful for the lady hosting us!
3. Each Sunday and Thursday we send out Bible lessons to contacts in various villages and neighborhoods within Salinas. One of those ladies in Straw Town reached out to us this month and asked us for a visit. We were thrilled to share the Creation lesson with Ana, her two children, parents, sister and niece. Pray for our next visit scheduled for April 13th.



4. One Monday morning we were having to readjust our schedule for the next day. Covid restrictions meant that we couldn't meet for women's Bible study in Jutai and the couples meeting that was to be held in Jutai would need to be a ZOOM meeting held in Salinas. In the midst of this dona Val shared that her mother in the town of Bonito was not doing well and not expected to live through the night. Our newly rearranged schedule for Tuesday allowed us to plan a quick trip out to Bonito with dona Val. When we arrived early Tuesday morning we found dona Maria alert and ready to hear the gospel. What a precious privilege to serve a Mighty God who is truly able to open a way in the wilderness and give rivers in the desert!

Love in Him, Robynn and Hannah Reno