Robynn and Hannah Reno in Brazil



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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you once again for upholding us in prayer! This has been a different kind of month for us as covid restrictions have fluctuated, Robynn got sick but thankfully tested negative for covid, and we have continued to work through the transition period of John and Fernanda leaving the work in Salinas to dedicate themselves to work in Sao Luis, Liberty, Big Yard and surrounding villages.



Pastor Soares was able to be with us in a Sunday evening service. Most of the people came over to our house for a snack and time of fellowship. He and another brother (Ivaldo) are helping to organize people to help with preaching and leadership training in the Salinas work. Pray for these leaders and believers in Salinas in this time of transition.



At 6 a.m. on Easter morning our Jutai Sunday School met for a time of worship and remembering all that our Lord did for us through His death, burial and resurrection! What a precious time of sharing we had. As the picture above shows we are still required to wear masks outside and be socially distanced, but totally worth it to be able to meet together!



Two years ago the kids pictured to the left with Robynn lost their mom to cancer. Their mom is probably the only Brazilian in our part of the country that looks like Robynn, but because of this she has won a special place in the hearts of these young people. She helped the oldest two prepare for the English part of their college entrance exam, going to their aunt's house weekly for the time of tutoring. They recently moved further south to be with their

dad. Pray for her as she seeks to maintain contact with them through Whats App.

Tati, the kids' aunt, recently contacted Robynn asking if we had any more devotionals. She works for the mayor in the next district and said that every time the mayor comes in Tati's office she sits down to read her devotional. Did we have any still available for the mayor and her husband (who was mayor in Salinas for 8 years)? We were glad we had a few left and ask you to pray for them and the hundreds of others who read them daily!

As we look towards May, we once again realize that our plans may change many times over as the covid situation continues to change here. Most days we hear of someone else who has lost a dear one to them. Pray with us to be able to point people to the Lord during this difficult time.

Tentative May Dates to Pray About

4th – Bible study in Jutai and Couples meeting in the evening.

5th – Pastor Santana is to be with us in prayer meeting in Salinas. He is also a builder and wants to continue helping us with the construction project in Jutai. The rains are slowing and we are anxious to move forward. Please pray for wisdom!

7th – Couples meeting in Salinas. Twice now Pastor Soares has met us on Zoom giving a Bible study and then we have refreshments and game time afterwards.



11th – Hannah is headed to the States for two weeks to spend some time with our parents. She is looking forward to being there for Mom, Rachel and Tricia's birthdays. She also is hoping to bring Sophie back with her. Sophie is a friend of Robynn's and finishing her junior year of college. She is hoping to do her ESL internship with us at the end of May and beginning of June. Please pray for these details! Pray also for Robynn while Hannah is away.

15th – Girls' Bible study in Jutai. Robynn hopes to invite girls from several villages but that depends on covid restrictions.

 22^{nd} – Young adult Bible study in Salinas with Ivaldo as well as Junior Bible time in the afternoon.

25th -26th – Hannah's return trip – Lord willing with Sophie!

Thanks again for your prayers and support!

Love.

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