

# The Renos in Brazil

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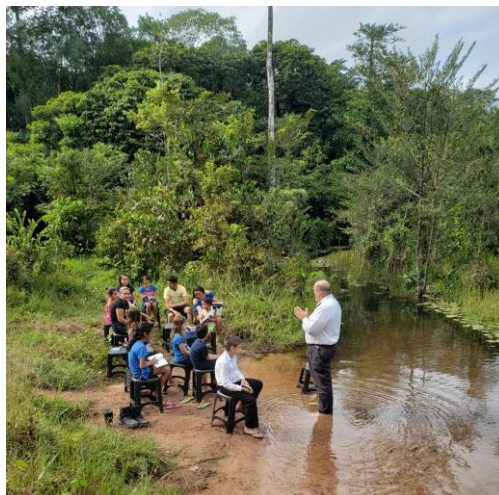


Dear Praying Friends,

With grateful hearts we share special moments from this last month! John baptized four girls in Sao Luis, including his daughter Deborah! These young ladies are already helping with a Bible class for children.



Deborah sharing her testimony



First baptism in Sao Luis!

December offers many opportunities to spread the seed of the Word of God through the children's gift bags and distribution of devotionals. This year with the help of people in Salinas and Jutai we put together 2,000 gift bags for children. Each bag had two books, a tract, school supplies, candy and balloons. We were able to visit more than 30 communities and in many of them share the Christmas story before distribution. People in the church and other believers have shared in several more communities. In addition to the gift bags we were able to hand out well over a thousand devotionals to adults. Please pray for open hearts as people read the daily verse and Bible study throughout 2021.



Group gathered in Cocal to hear the Christmas story



Children in Monkey hill coming for the gift bags and devotionals. Some of the children recognized us from last year and we told them we would come back with a Bible story.

## A Second Baptism

A second baptism was held in Jutai this last week with two baptized. Gerson lived in Salinas for years and just recently moved. He was saved in April and began Bible studies with John. John continued to do Bible study with him by phone after he moved and when Gerson came back for a holiday visit, he wanted to be baptized! Mariana a young lady from Jutai also gave testimony to the Lord's work in her life and was baptized.

(Pictured below)



Robynn made up little cards to be put in the Christmas bags and devotionals, offering video Bible classes we send out through Whats App. We gave a number they could use to contact us and little by little we have heard from people. Right now we have the privilege of sending SS classes and Bible studies for ladies to 17 different communities. Please pray for souls to be saved!



Recently, John shared with the church plant in Salinas that he believes the Lord is leading him to focus on the village work he and Fernanda have in Big Yard, Liberty and Sao Luis. They are planning to start furlough in August of 2021, so in the mean time he is slowly phasing out of the work in Salinas. Pray for him and his family in this time of transition. Pray also for the believers in Salinas as they pull together and seek the Lord's guidance for the future of the church.

As we normally do in January, we will be sending a prayer request for each day of the month. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers!

Love in Him,

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