



The Lawson Family

Adventures of Faith – November 2023

The Desire accomplished is sweet to the soul... (Proverbs 13:19). For years I desired to communicate affectively the gospel in Portuguese so that Brazilians could respond to the message. Thankfully, my desires were accomplished this year with many souls saved and lives helped. **Truly, Heaven will be the "Sweet By and By," but it is sweet to see God give the increase today.**

In September I completed a project that we've worked on for two years. We designed and printed **24 different gospel tracts and sent them to 49 churches in 12 states throughout Brazil.** Shipping the gospel was much more involved than I imagined, because each package of tracts weighed about 14 pounds and because of Brazil's bureaucracy. However, this project became a great blessing because many pastors and churches were encouraged anew to go out into the highways and hedges with the gospel. By October, we received news that **12 people in various states called on Jesus to save their souls** because of those tracts. Pray that the hearts of believers will continue to burn with the gospel and the need to go. In total, **we sent over 200,000 Gospel tracts around the country of Brazil.** Also, I created a printable file so that believers can print their own tracts and I have already sent it to several pastors. Pray that those gospel tracts will continue to point souls to Jesus and to local Baptist churches.

In August and September, I was invited to preach conferences for two churches here in my state. It encourages me to have the confidence of Brazilian pastors, and it was blessing to see the Word of God working in those churches. In both conferences, **the services culminated with people wanting more from the Word of God** after every service. Additionally, both of the Sunday morning services extended for almost three hours, which included a forty-five-minute message and about two hours of questions and answers with our open Bibles. Greater still, **six people called on Jesus at one church and five people were saved at the other church!** Lastly, during the conference in September, I noticed a teenager that looked familiar. On the second night, Antonio re-introduced himself to me and reminded me that I had baptized him five years ago. My heart rejoiced, because I had lost contact with him. He told me that he has been faithful to the Lord and was **praying about how he might serve God** in the future.

Our Church's schedule has been full. In October we had a men's meeting that focused on men being masculine leaders in their home and church. The men's meeting was a huge success. We had in attendance 57 men from thirteen churches and two states. Also, in October we celebrated Brazil's Children's Day (like Mother's or Father's Day) and invited the people from our community to our church. **To date, it was our church's largest evangelistic outreach. We had over 70 people from our community in attendance.** We transformed our church into Noah's ark and our theme was "Don't Miss the Boat." This might have been the best opportunity to clearly preach the gospel to the people in our neighborhood. I don't ever remember so many children paying such close attention to the gospel message like they did on this day. Lastly, we took our youth to a youth meeting and we participated in a Bible quiz meet with eight other churches. Besides my children, our teens do not come from Christian homes. However, **our Sunday School is producing much fruit in our youth and they are learning a lot from the Word of God.** Our youth group came in second place in the Bible quiz meet, and one of our youths came in second place in the individual Bible quiz meet.

Our evangelism still brings visitors. Aparecido and Vanda received a Bible lesson and visited our church. They invited me to their home and I had an opportunity to give them and their neighbor the gospel. Aparecido and his neighbor were confused with religion, but told me they weren't saved. **After a couple of hours in the Bible, he and his neighbor called on Jesus to save their souls.**

Please pray for us here in the southern amazon region of Brazil. We have been living in an **excessive heat wave with severe temperatures and humidity for more than 3 months.** In nine years, I don't remember it being this hot and we are paying \$140 more a month this year for our electricity. Along with the heat, we are going through an **extreme drought and our city is struggling to provide water.** Also, our landlord has asked us to move out of her house. We have rented it for four years, and wish we could continue. It is very difficult to find a three-bedroom home that includes a well for water. We need to be out of this home by December 05. Please pray that we can find something immediately. As always, pray for our family and ministry. We desire to accomplish much more with the gospel and see more souls saved.

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