



The Lawson Family

Adventure in Faith – September 2017

“For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.” - Psalm 92:4

Even though I am preaching four times a week now in Portuguese, I still feel inadequate in the language. However, I am amazed at what the Lord is doing here in Brazil. I have learned that even though I cannot express my passion very well in the language, I can rely on the power of the Lord and His word.

The Lord greatly blessed our combined revival and youth conference. The Spirit moved through every service in a way that I have never seen before in Brazil. The altars were filled every service, which is the first time that I have seen people in Brazil respond to preaching like this. We saw twenty teens come to the altar to ask God to help them live closer to Him, and at the same time we had six teens under conviction about the sin that was in their lives while two others were saved. On the last night of the revival a husband and wife were saved at the end of the services. It's been two months since the revival and the people are still talking about what God has done and are asking when we can have another meeting. With one saved previously, and four during the conference, five people have been saved in the last six months.

I have been preaching through the book of Luke and in August I preached about the baptism of Jesus and the baptism of the believer. There was a family with two children that responded to the message because they wanted to be baptized. We invited them to our home so that we could talk to them about their salvation and schedule a baptism. While talking to them they told me that they thought they should get married first. The conversation changed and we began talking to them about what the Lord would want in their family, including marriage. They desire to have a home that pleases God and are in the process of getting the required documents. I am also working on getting the authorization that is needed so that I can perform the marriage. My daughters have offered to make them a cake and hopefully we can use this time to give the Gospel to both of their families. We are excited about scheduling a marriage and a baptism.

In August, we took all of the youth to a conference and had a great time. Our van was filled with about 14 young people. It took about three hours to get to the church as we traveled over good roads, bad roads, dirt roads, broken bridge roads, and through some of the jungle. However, the youth sang hymns in the van to and from the conference. The preaching at the conference was strong

and the youth came back excited. On the way back, while everyone was singing “Eu Amo Cristo” (“O, How I Love Jesus”), the valve stem cracked and let all of the air out of the tire very loudly. Also, the spare tire was flat because the vibration had allowed the dust and dirt to settle between the tire and rim. These would have been easy fixes had we been in a city and if it was not on a Sunday. We were trying to travel back for the Sunday services. It cost me \$10 dollars to fix both tires and we arrived at the church ten minutes before it started. There was still a sweet spirit among the youth and they gave a testimony and sang a special during the services. I felt like we were in one long awesome church service for two days because of all of the singing and preaching. It was encouraging also to see my children participating with the singing.

We are thankful for two big answers to prayers. Jessica finally received here permanent residency documents. This was almost one and a half years after we should have received them and six months after the rest of the family had already received theirs. The children are happy that their mother will not be kicked out of the country! ☺ Also, we have finally been able to get some Bibles. We have already given out 24 of them and have several cases more to give to the homes in this city. Lastly, please pray about a Family Conference that we will be having the first week in October. I have scheduled five preachers from our state to come for five days. I have included a flier of the conference so your church can help us pray.

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