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Staff Family Update

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A new year
with new opportunities
by Larry Ingalls

...I being in the way, the LORD led me.... - Genesis 24:27 -

The year 2025 started with having four stents put in my heart to open blockages. But the Lord gave grace, strength and healing, and we were able to carry on the rest of the year with our Couriers for Christ meetings, along with filling pulpits for several pastors and a mission trip to Brazil in October.

The year 2026 started with a family reunion over the Christmas and New Year holidays with our five children and their spouses, 17 grandchildren plus five spouses, and four great grandchildren. We were missing only one grandson, spouse, and our other great granddaughter. We have been blessed!

Much has been written in previous newsletters about the Hope for the Valley Campaign with Missionary Nathan Ring and family in Brazil, so I won't go into a lot of detail, but a couple of highlights for Cheryl and me were the two schools we were able to go to and see the response of the children when presented with the gospel. We did see a few come to the two evangelistic meetings with their parents along with one of the teachers from the first school. We were also very encouraged when several Brazilian believers joined us to help with the John and Romans distribution in several villages. The largest turnout of helpers came on a Sunday afternoon with 50 people covering a downtown city area. It

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The case for the missing T-shirt

by Joshua Stertz



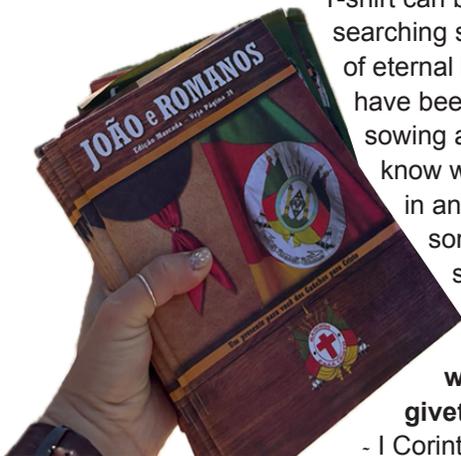
Nathan was disappointed. As he dug through his luggage he couldn't find his church T-shirt anywhere! He was convinced that he had packed it, yet it was nowhere to be found until multiple days into the trip. Tuesday morning the shirt was lying right there in his suitcase! It was the obvious choice to wear for the day since he had been looking for it the whole trip. Only a little while later Nathan found himself walking through the breakfast room in the Valler Hotel in Lajeado, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. He was wearing his church shirt when a young man sitting alone commented to him about the shirt. Nathan responded kindly, and the young man began to converse with him. Not long into the conversation, Nathan learned that the man's name was Jonas and that he was in town for work. As the conversation deepened, Nathan realized that this man was hungry for answers to the questions that he was asking about religion, eternity, and his sin.

Nathan pulled out one of the Portuguese John and Romans booklets supplied by the Bearing Precious Seed Seedline ministry and used the illustrated tract in the front cover while sharing verses from the Bible to lead Jonas to Christ. In under 30 minutes, Jonas realized that he was a sinner, that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour, and that he must in faith repent of his sin while asking Jesus to save his eternal soul. As he lifted his bowed head, he told Nathan that he felt like a weight was lifted from him and almost immediately wanted to know what was next!

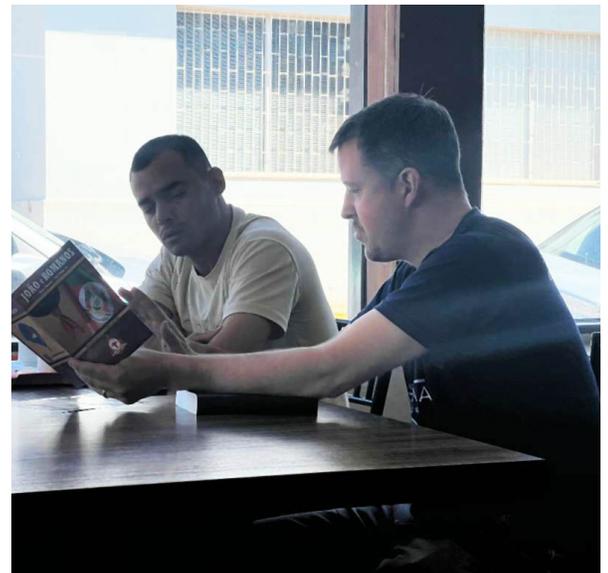
In the upcoming weeks, Nathan took the opportunity to begin discipleship with Jonas, as he had a hunger to learn more about being obedient to Christ's leading in his life. Jonas also asked how he could be a help to Nathan and ended up connecting with him several times to load boxes of scriptures that would travel to other cities across their state for upcoming distribution. National pastors will take those scriptures and use them to evangelize their communities with the gospel. Please pray for Jonas as he continues to grow in his walk with the Lord. **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:** 1 Peter 2:2

It is amazing how something as simple as a Christian-themed T-shirt can be used by God to pique a searching sinner's interest in the truth of eternal life from seeds of truth that have been previously sown. Keep sowing and watering, for you never know when the Lord will lead you in an unconventional way to someone who is ready to be saved. **So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.**

- 1 Corinthians 3:7 -



Jonas with Nathan Ring



Nathan using John and Romans to share the gospel with Jonas



Jonas asking Christ to save him

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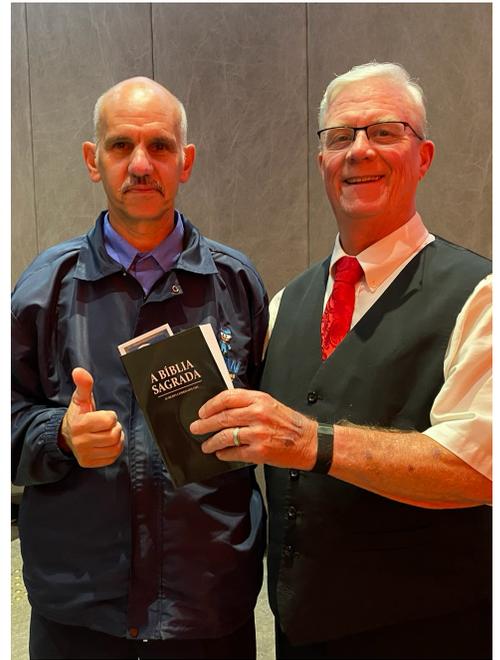
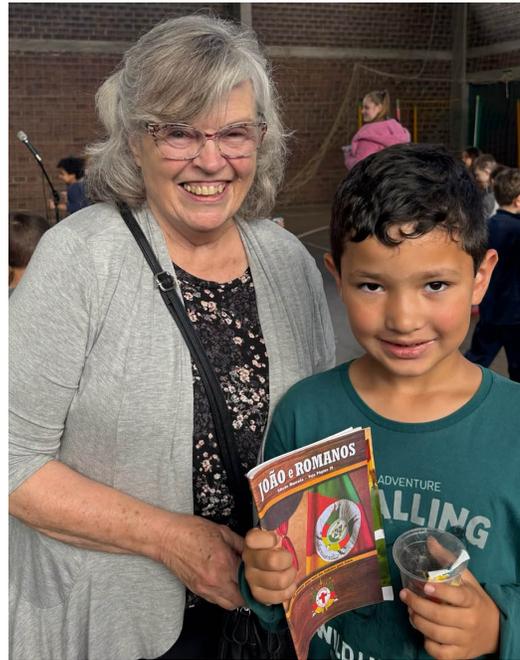
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has stirred the Brazilian people now to the point that before we left Brazil they were mapping out several areas, villages, and towns they were going to be responsible for by putting a John and Romans in every home and also doing follow-up meetings and Bible studies. Exodus 35:21, **And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing....** It is one of the best responses we have seen in all of our years of doing literature distribution campaigns. The nationals now have a vision for reaching the people in their own districts (similar to a county) and their state.

On a more sobering note, Cheryl's brother Chuck passed away on January 22, so we traveled to Charlotte, Virginia, for the funeral and had the opportunity to do the service and present the gospel to his family and friends. Chuck had gotten saved about four years ago, so it made the situation a little easier knowing that he is with the Lord and finally in great health again!

Thank YOU to all of our pastors and church families across the country. You all have been faithful with prayer and finances that give us the ability to do the ministry. We look forward to updating you on our travels this spring and the Campaign in Stuttgart, Germany.



Nathan Ring and Jonas working together to spread the gospel





- Laura's back issues
- Follow-up Bible studies in Brazil
- Preparations for the Stedfast for Stuttgart Campaign
- Seedline scripture assembly for needed Italian John and Romans
- Containers to Croatia and Germany to safely reach their destinations over the next several months



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