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Goals:
Winning Souls
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Discipling Believers
Training Leaders

Birthdays:
James 09-07-1968
Soraia 07-16-1970
Matthew 01-03-1990
Priscilla 10-13-1993
Stephanie 09-26-2005
Frank 10-18-2007

Anniversary 07-16-1988



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Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners,

September 2021, Joinville, Brazil.

With much anticipation, we left Atlanta just after 11:30am on June 24, 2021. Three flights and as many layovers later, totaling thirty and a half hours, we arrived back in the city of Joinville, Brazil and were met by family and friends at the airport. We crammed ourselves into four small cars along with our luggage and convoyed across town to our home in the Adhemar Garcia neighborhood, stopping first at my mother-in-law's house for our first supper back on Brazilian soil. After being away for nearly a year and a half, the sights, sounds and smells I was experiencing brought tears to my eyes as I thought of how much I love this beautiful place and these precious people. Add to that the emotions fresh on my mind brought on by leaving behind my family and friends in the United States, plus the wonderful memories of the great love that my sweet parents had for the Brazilian people, and you have a flood of tears and an emotional arrival.

We thank God again for His abundant supply as we returned to our field of service. He took care of our every need, including the exact number of suitcases that we needed, and then we were not charged by the airline for our checked bags. He provided for our plane tickets and transport to the airport, great flights, etc. He has truly supplied for our every need, and we are so very grateful to the Lord and to our friends and family involved.

Our first Sunday back at the Victory Baptist Church in the Boehmerwald neighborhood was precious. The church family has welcomed us, and we are truly blessed to be among them. We are encouraged and excited to be working with Pastor Ricardo, assisting with the preaching and teaching responsibilities as well as with the building project that is being sponsored by the Fellowship Baptist Church in Oxford GA. We have met with the architect and building comity several times, and the project is moving along well. We hope and pray that we will soon have the building plans ready to be presented for approval so we can begin the actual construction. We appreciate your prayers for us as we work through the limitations due to the ongoing mandates because of the coronavirus pandemic, such as the obligatory use of masks and hand sanitizer, social distancing and a limited number of people allowed in the building. We are encouraged by the faithfulness of the church family through these trying times and for some visitors who have come to the services as well.

We praise God that we have been able to purchase a vehicle that suits our family and ministry needs. A big thank you to those who have helped us with this need. Also, Soraia and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary in July with a traditional Brazilian Churrasco (cookout). I am truly blessed to have such a sweet and godly wife who loves me and our family but above all, she loves the Lord and serves Him faithfully with all her heart.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Yours in Christ Jesus,

James and Soraia Allen

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; Romans 15:30