



SCHMIDT FAMILY

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PRAISES

- Four trusted Christ during camp!
- The Lord gave wisdom and counsel as we encountered this difficult situation
- Continued progress in the Bible Institute!
- An open door in the life of Camila's family.

PRAYER POINTS

- **For Camila**, that she will grow in the Lord and remain faithful.
- **For Isabela**, that she will understand the gospel and trust Christ.
- **For this church in Itapuã**, that God will protect and strengthen it during this transition.
- **For the young men in the church**, many of whom have been deeply hurt, that they will respond with renewed commitment, integrity, and purity.
- **For more laborers**, that God would call and prepare men to serve in His harvest.

UPCOMING

- Follow up with Isabela
- Follow up with Camila
- Continued discipleship and preaching workshops
- Transitioning in the church.
- Continued development of the Bible Institute

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GREETINGS!

This letter is later than we intended to send, but the past two months have brought some of the heaviest days we have faced in the ministry here in Brazil. Yet even in the middle of difficulty, we have seen the Lord continue to work. We are grateful for your prayers and wanted to share both the encouragements and the burdens from this season.

God Worked at Camp

During our annual camp, we saw the Lord work in a wonderful way. Four people called on Christ for salvation: **Camila, Paulo, Artur, and Ted**. One of them was a teenage girl named **Camila**, whom my wife had the privilege of leading to Christ. Even before camp began, we had been picking up Camila and her two nephews for every service. On one visit, I asked the boys' mother, **Isabela**, and Camila if they knew where they would go when they died. Isabela answered bluntly, "Hell." When I asked Camila, she said, "Heaven." We were not able to continue the conversation then, but we made plans to return and speak more after camp.

Over the course of camp, Camila sat through service after service and began to understand the truth more clearly—that she was a sinner, separated from God, and in need of Christ. After one of the services, she was deeply convicted, spoke with Ashlie about her soul, and called on Christ to save her.

Please pray for Camila's spiritual growth. Pray also for Isabela as we return to speak with her about salvation. She has a long background in the Assembly of God, and we are asking the Lord to open her heart to the gospel.

A Difficult Change in the Work

Alongside that encouragement, we are also walking through a very difficult season here in Itapuã.

For nearly three years, I have worked alongside a Brazilian pastor in this ministry. Recently, he became disqualified from the pastorate and stepped down. This has brought real hurt and confusion to many in the church. Throughout this time, I stayed in close contact with my pastor, seeking counsel on how to respond biblically and carefully in such a delicate situation.

By God's grace, the work here will continue. The services, preaching, soul winning, and discipleship will go on. But in this new season, I will be carrying a more central role in the ministry.

From the beginning, we have prayed that God would send forth laborers into His harvest. In light of what has happened here, that need has become even more evident. We are also seeking to help this man and his family during this difficult time. Please pray for them.

Thank you for praying for us during this unusual and difficult season. We are grateful that even in the middle of hardship, the Lord continues to save souls and build His church here in Brazil.