



SCHMIDT FAMILY

July/August 2026

PRAISES

- The couple being baptized this Sunday
- Elton and Luana recognizing the need for biblical baptism
- Church documentation now completely up to date, bank account opened
- First-time mid-year retreat Over 95% of churches from 6-7 years ago still partnering with us

PRAYER POINTS

- Continued growth for both families preparing for baptism
- Wisdom in leading the church through membership matters
- The air conditioning unit for the men's dorms
- Permanent residency application this week

UPCOMING

- Steel plating and concrete work on the pool
- AC unit ready by February 2027
- Residency process
- Furlough planning for 2027

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GREETINGS!

These past two months have brought some real steps of obedience in the church, progress on the property, and some challenges.

Baptisms

Gilberto and Cleideine, the couple that walked the aisle in June and received Christ, are going to follow the Lord in baptism this Sunday! In our last time of discipleship we talked about baptism, and without hesitation they said, "when can we be baptized?"

I've also been meeting with another couple (Elton and Luana) for some weeks now. They came out of a mixed bag of church backgrounds, so we spent a good deal of time working through the gospel. They both have biblically sound testimonies. As I began talking about baptism and explaining that how they were baptized (sprinkled, for him) and why they were baptized (in her case she was taught it was to complete her salvation) were unbiblical reasons, Luana bluntly said, "well I guess I've been baptized twice unbiblically!" It was refreshing to see such humble responses in these two families.

At the same time, we recently had to deal with the other side of church membership and exercise church discipline. Rough. It was painful. But, it is part of taking the church and its testimony seriously. I am thankful that we were able to work through the situation biblically. Please pray for wisdom as we continue to lead the church through situations like this, and pray that God would use even difficult correction to bring repentance and restoration.

Church Progress

After about five months of working through paperwork and legal details, we finally have all of the church's documentation completely up to date and in order.

It was a major step for the future of the church. We have now been able to open a bank account in the church's name and begin putting the financial and administrative side of the ministry on the back of the church itself instead of our family.

There are still plenty of things to organize as we move forward, but I am very thankful to have this part finally behind us.

Retiro

As many of you know we host an annual camp in February, during the school system's summer break. July is the mid-way point of the school year in Brazil, and this past July we hosted a mid-year retreat on the property, inviting a few other churches to participate with us. We believe for a first-time event the Lord blessed it tremendously — the young people were very receptive, with many at the altars. If the Lord allows, we'll continue this event annually.

Property Progress

This week I'll be fortifying the steel plating on the pool and finishing some remaining concrete work. We also finished gathering all the material needed to complete the men's dorms — the rest of the sheetrock and ceiling material. The boys and I, along with a couple of teens in the church, will be installing that over the next couple of weeks.

Now we're pricing out a central air conditioning unit for the space, hoping to have it ready by February 2027.

Residency

Here in a couple days I will be taking another shot at gaining permanent residency. Pray it goes well. If it does, it opens the door to look at a furlough in 2027.

Thank You

It's been six years (for some seven) since many of you first partnered with us. Over these years pastors change, finances change, economies change, financial pressures come... yet the overwhelming majority of you (over 95%) have continued with us. I just wanted to say a big thank you for being dependable and faithful and loving our family.