

SCHMIDT FAMILY

Mar/Apr 2024

GREETINGS!

March and April have been months of plodding.

Churches visiting

We were blessed to have a group from Southside Baptist Church in Tampa, FL, with us last month! Bro Luke Knickerbocker, his sons, and Bryan Shellenberger spent a little more than a week with us. They were a great blessing to us! Their company was refreshing to me and my family. Bro Luke did a great lesson with balloons and making objects that had everyone's attention. This gave me my first opportunity to translate! Each of them gave their testimonies and got to know the people here. They were able to bring down some important things we needed as well. We are grateful they came! This next month, we have a group of 10 coming from Spring Hill, Florida. They have been trying to prepare their testimonies...in Portuguese! We have some great events planned with them. Pray that everyone will stay healthy and that everything goes well on their arrival.

Preaching out

The Lord has been providing opportunities to fill the pulpit and help in other cities. One such event was a "friend day." I was preaching on Nicodemus and that just as we enter the physical world through physical birth, we enter the spiritual world through spiritual birth. A couple of different people raised their hands about salvation. Though no one came forward to receive Christ, a man told the pastor he knew he needed salvation and wanted the pastor to visit his house! Please continue to pray that our Portuguese improves so that we can minister and reach people at an even deeper level.

Sunday school class growth

Our Sunday school classes are experiencing good growth. Ashlie and I teach different classes and run a Sunday school promotion every month. Her girls are working really hard and participating very well! We are encouraged by what we are seeing.

Soul-winning

The boys and I have started a new section of town in our soul-winning. They have reached the point with their Portuguese that I can have Caleb and Joshua go on one side of the street while Jonathan and I do the other. Going door to door here reminds me a lot of the time I was out as a freshman in college. I remember being at the door with this sweet little old lady. We talked and talked and talked....and talked. I came to find out near the end that she was the widow of a Methodist preacher. She had very little interest in what I was saying; she was merely polite and accommodating. I did not realize what was happening. You see, I grew up in the north. When you approach a person, and they have no interest in you or what you have to say, you know right in the beginning! Moving to the south was an experience for me. I did not go to many houses that day because I had spent so much time at her home. I may have missed opportunities to talk to those who would have been more inclined because of that. It can be a fine line for sure. I feel like here in the north of Brazil, it is as I described but ten times that effect. After a few hours out, I sometimes do not reach more than four or five houses!

I say all of that to ask for prayer that the Lord will give us discernment and open doors as we are out. Divine appointments. Friends, I do not know how much time we have left. There are souls to reach before it is too late!

PRAISES

- Sunday school growth!
- Contacts out soul winning!
- Opportunities to preach out!
- Churches visiting our field!

PRAYER POINTS

- Discernment and open doors
- Upcoming church group
- The salvation of Mario

UPCOMING

- A church group will be coming mid-June. Lots of preparation
- The Kokenzies are set to come back end of May, we will be hosting them while they look for a house

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- [Left] Man reading a tract we left for him.
- [Right] Bro Luke and company with our people after a service.