



SCHMIDT FAMILY

Sept/October 2024

GREETINGS!

What a blessing! That's been our theme lately. The Lord has given us incredible partners in the ministry through each of you.

Knowing how much you stand behind us, not just in words, motivates us all the more to be laborers worthy of our 'hire' in the harvest we are part of. Your sacrifices this month to help us with our vehicle situation have been overwhelming! Your support has not only covered the expenses for the 15-passenger van but also the additional costs we hadn't even considered—taxes, insurance, titling, tag, etc. I plan to send out a short update video about this at the end of the month!

The timing could not have been any better (as it is with the Lord's ways). The Brewers have started holding meetings in Porto Velho for March when they will go "full time" with the tent crusades. They took the van we had been using here in Itapua to the work in Porto Velho.

We are excited to let you know about some recent salvations! We have been here two years and regularly pray for favor and fruit. We have kept our hands to the plow, and up until now, it has been much plodding. September 8th, during the morning service, five young people received Christ as their savior! One of those is named Ramon, whom my boys met and invited at a local soccer practice. They have made many contacts there, and we have seen seven people come to church. That evening, I told the newer teens that whoever came back for the evening service, I would take them out for ice cream. One of them that came back that evening was Neemias. Afterward, as I shared the gospel with Him, he readily acknowledged his sin, that he deserved hell and called on Christ! Later that evening, when I got home, he sent me a message and asked if I would talk to one of his friends (Davi) because he didn't know the Lord as his savior!

That next week, we started discipleship, and Davi came because of his two friends. After the lesson, he walked up to me and said, "Pastor, I received Christ during the lesson today." I said, "Really? When?" He said that while you were teaching, I bowed my head and called on Christ, as you had been explaining!

One other thing that I need to mention is Christian. The man I mentioned in our last letter has also called on Christ. Pray for him. No sooner had he received Christ than marriage issues began to arise.

PRAISES

- 6 people received Christ - one of those being Christian!
- 5 started discipleship!
- Our vehicle for our family and the ministry here!

PRAYER POINTS

- Discipleship to continue strong
- Opportunities with the school
- The salvation of Mario
- Working through English classes

UPCOMING

- Bible club in the school
- Working through teaching English
- Renovations with the Brewers work

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- [Left] Neemias and Davi letting the church know of their salvation.
- [Right] The van we were able to get!