



Brazil Beacon

May 2026

Dear Prayer Partners,

There are two verses that are brought to my mind right now:

Psalm 37:4 & 5

“Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way until the Lord: trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”

I am so thankful to be back in Brazil after my furlough with you wonderful people. On April 20th, 2026, I was reminded that it was 30 years ago on April 20, 1996, that I was appointed a missionary to Brazil. I am also so thankful that I committed my life to the Lord, and He has directed, provided, and continues to see me through each new day.

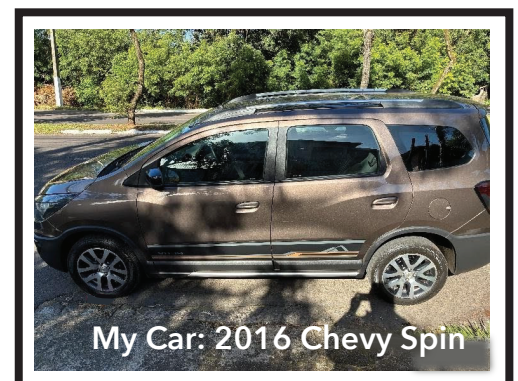


As most of you already know, I arrived in Brazil and immediately needed to find housing. We, Edite and I began to look for housing both in Sao Leopoldo, where the new church plant is, and Gravatai, where we have been serving. It was not easy as many of the houses that are in Sao Leopoldo were still under water from the last flood, and they have had even more flooding last month. After much searching, prayer, and counsel, we found a house in Gravatai! Here we can continue the Bible study with the ladies in that area, and still be close enough to the new church in Sao Leopoldo where I will be serving.

I am fully moved in and have met several neighbors; I hope they will join us for the **Bible studies** when they begin next week. It has been hard to get them started as many people have been sick, in the hospital, having surgery, etc, and not able to come or be involved. But I am thankful to be able to get them started again soon. Please pray with Edite and I, that we will have a good outreach to the new ladies from the neighborhood. We also ask for continued prayers for salvation for those we have been working with through the Bible Study (Nilzinha, Loiva, Sandrinha, Sandrinhas daughter, and many more).

I have also been busy in the process of buying a car.

The interest rate on buying a car is very high at the moment. I had some money set aside for the down payment since the Brazilians don't sell cars without a sizable down payment of at least 20%. Please pray for all the paperwork for the car to go through, here are still many details that need to be worked out. This car will be such a blessing to myself and some of the ladies from the Bible study, as we have all been going to the church in Sao Leopoldo by Uber, which is very costly! I praise the Lord for this car, it will enable me to take them, and others, to church.



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One of the highlights of getting back has been being able to schedule the church's first **Mother's Day Tea**. The church hasn't been having ladies events or meetings while I was gone, as there was no one to help schedule, plan and run them. Edite and I were happy to plan the ladies teatime, and prepare the food for the morning brunch. The moms were able to relax and enjoy a meaningful time together. We are so thankful for the good turnout of 11 ladies, as it is winter here and quite chilly already!

I also had the privilege of being a part of a **Game Night at the church**. This is a time where we invite neighbors, friends, and anyone we can think of to come play board games, eat pizza, and hear a devotional. We had several who came who had never been to church, and they were able to hear the gospel. I am thankful for such a good turnout! There is another game night planned for May 30th. Please pray that others will come to enjoy the fun and hear about the Lord. Would you also pray specifically for two ladies who came, Luciana and Nilzinha. We are not sure if either of them are saved.



Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and the emails checking to see how I am doing. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you as we serve Him together.

Until He Comes,
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1 Thess 2:4



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