

*Ellie Driesenga – Sapiranga*

Praise the Lord for a good time of fellowship and planning for the future of the Sapiranga church plant at our church retreat March 29 - 31. Please pray as the people implement the plans made and reach out into the community with the gospel. Please pray as I travel to the US April 7th for a four month furlough, that I would be an encouragement to those I visit and also have good times of rest.

*Al & Nadine Pierschbacher – Fortaleza/Pacoti*

Praise the Lord for the excellent Carnaval Bible Conference in March (160 attended) and pray for the Resurrection Weekend Bible Conference beginning on April 18-21. The subject is The Marvelous Gospel of Grace! Pray for our short furlough, safe travels, and great ministry while in the US April 6 - July 8. Pray for spiritual growth for Jaqueline and Sofia, and for those preaching and carrying on the ministry in our absence.

*Eriomar & Daniele Maia – Aracaju*

We rejoice with the arrival of missionary Akysa Lemos in the field and we eagerly await the arrival of the Lancasters. Please pray for the spiritual growth of our daughter Damaris at the Frontier School of the Bible and that God will protect our son John Mark from temptation. Pray for our growth and continued sanctification and that we may find a car to purchase.

*Joe & Jeanie Stucky – Mossoro*

Pray for 18 year old Ezekiel and his family. He has a tumor on his leg, above his knee. The doctors agree that he must have his leg amputated; he will also have to have chemotherapy. Pray that the cancer will not spread to other parts of his body. Pray for peace for him and his family as they deal with this devastating situation.

*Adam & Hosanna Lancaster – Aracaju*

We arrived on April 10th and are now in the process of setting up our new home in Aracaju. We have lots of help from Adam's dad and his sister, who flew down with us, and Hosanna's parents, who met us at the airport. We need to be set up by mid-May to be ready for a team of 3 students from FSB who are coming down for the summer! Pray for wisdom and patience.

*Elisabeth Anderson – Maceió*

Praise the Lord that I am over being sick and have energy again! Pray that I would choose daily to trust God's timing instead of feeling overwhelmed as I work on catching up. Please pray for the last weeks of rehearsals and preparations for my church's Easter presentation, for the health of all involved, and that non-believers (especially the unsaved families of cast members Daniel, Grazy, Fernando, Guilherme, Marcos, Mariana, Pedro, and Vitor) would attend and trust Jesus as Savior.

*Dave & Connie Johnson – Home Assignment*

Praise for church leaders being further equipped to serve the Lord in their local churches through the online MA in Ministry course offered by Piedmont International University. The translation and proofreading has been completed. Now we are in catch-up mode, tending to personal affairs placed on hold during the past 2 years. We are available to visit churches and supporters until our return to Brazil, maybe in early June. Pray especially for wisdom regarding Connie's knee treatments. The orthopedist now recommends knee replacement surgery for both knees, but this would require remaining in the States longer than planned.

*Chris & Jana Disler – BGFm Finance Director*

In preparation for David graduating high school in May, we will be making 2 college visits in April to help decide where David will be attending college. Please pray for wisdom. We praise the Lord for Alicia's profitable ministry, along with some from her college, to the Indians who live in and around the Grand Canyon.

*George (& Eunice) Harmon – Araçatuba*

Praise God our pool was installed and inaugurated. We had 2 workdays to finish the concrete part; now we just lack the fence and the tile floor. Classes at the Institute have started I am really excited with my class on Expository Preaching. I'm back to preaching in Hebrews, which is always a big challenge as I try to memorize every text I preach. Pray for our 40 Days of Prayer for conference April 13 - 14; the theme this year is Intimacy with God.

*Helio & Shirlei Costa de Sousa - Taquara*

Thank God for people who have heard the Gospel in Taquara! Pray for our neighbor Iracema, who has heard the gospel, for Joel and Deise, a family that has come to church, and for the Lairton and Nelson families, as well. Please remember to pray for Shirlei as she teaches the Bible to a group of women.

*Bruce & Lee Ann Nichols – Salvador, Bahia*

This semester Bruce is teaching the book of Romans in seminary. Paul declares he is not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes for it reveals the righteous wrath of God against sin and the sinner. Pray for the students to learn how to preach the biblical gospel in this needy city and to the ends of the earth. Pray also as we teach them how to study the Word of God with inductive questions of the text, understanding what God means by what He says.

*Dave & Nancy Eldert – Maceió, Alagoas*

Pray for the Institute classes as they begin a new semester. Pray especially that our people will see the need to study. Pray for the Clima Bom church; they are having a hard time meeting their basic financial obligations. Praise for Pr Libnis' persistence in the face of many difficulties.

*Wendell & Florence Ann Hayden – Retired*

Wendell turns 85 this month. He continues at the Care Center. He walks with difficulty and has little interest in his reading materials, but does have a good appetite. Please keep him in your prayers.

*Ron & Nancy Johnson – Antioch Bible Institute*

We praise the Lord for ministry opportunities and 2 people coming to Christ in the last few weeks. We request prayer for our trip to Brazil and that we can resolve the sale of our car and property in God's perfect timing. Please pray also for a Brazilian family Nancy met last year. The teenage daughter recently tried to commit suicide; they are going through very difficult times. We also request prayer for our own family for strength, wisdom and God's direction in every way.

*Mark & Jessica Stucky – Sapiranga*

Pray for wisdom and God's clear direction as we consider opening a "Life Center" in our church plant in Sapiranga to reach out to our neighborhood through English, tutoring, music, biblical counseling, and whatever other abilities our church families have to offer. We also have a soccer outreach 2 Saturdays each month. May God open many doors for clear Gospel presentations so that people can respond in faith and trust in Jesus!

*Bill & Sandi Graf – BGFM Rep's (RGBI)*

Pray for many changed hearts during the Easter evangelism and discipleship outreach over the extended Easter weekend. Teams of students and staff will be going to many different places.

**BGFM**

Pray for recent BGFM applicants to persevere and for more people to make the decision to begin the process of joining us.

*Harold & Ruth Green – Retired*

It is indeed such special blessing from the Lord that our supporting church (Southern View Chapel) gives us the privilege of serving the body of this congregation in encouragement and leadership roles. Our prayer is to do so in humbleness and sincerity of heart. In this stage of our lives, it is of such delight to be used of God in serving Him amongst His people at our church and beyond, even to our missionaries on the field. We continue in prayer for unsaved grandchildren, knowing that it is the Father who draws such unto the Lord Jesus.

**Easter**

May the Lord grant us a deeper understanding of and increased gratefulness for the gift of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Jim & Lydia Johnson – Morada Nova*

Praise the Lord for the salvation of Roseilton and Joseberto. Pray for their growth. Thank you as well for your prayers for the Maanaim Carnaval retreat. It went well. Pray for the transition of the camp board. Pray for a special opportunity to share Christ at a local factory.

*Philip & Rachel Stucky – Campo Bom*

We are finishing our short home assignment, working on educational partnerships for our Brazilian Seminaries on the master's and doctoral levels. Pray that we would have wisdom in finalizing these partnerships.

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**Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission**



*Dan & Roger Visit Adil & Érica in Portugal*

**April, 2019**

*Adil and Érica Reis – Portugal*

Last month BGFM's Executive Director Dan Anderson and Field Chairman Roger Johansen visited the Reis family in Portugal, where they moved to open the Portugal field for us just over a year ago. Adil's family name is "Bispo dos Reis", which means "Bishop of Kings". It seems that some of his ancestors served the King of Portugal as Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church. What a fantastic turn of events that Adil was marvelously saved by God's grace and returned to Portugal to preach salvation by faith alone in Christ alone! Pray for Adil and Érica, as they learn the culture and have already begun steps toward a church plant in the town of Cartaxo.

*Jerry & Bev Lehrman – Antioch Bible institute/US*

Lord willing, we will travel back to the US on April 2nd to help our daughter Melissa and her fiancé Logan Muhs with preparations for their wedding on May 18. Pray that God will bless and guide in this step and as they build their lives together as one.