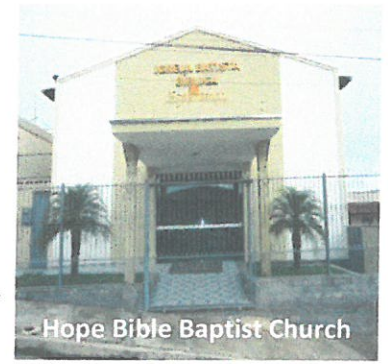




THE SHERROUSES IN BRAZIL



Hope Bible Baptist Church

Finally, brethren, PRAY FOR US, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: II Thess. 3:1

Dear Friends and Churches,

DECEMBER 2017-JANUARY 2018

Hello again from way down south! However, I'm ready for the Lord to call us *way up north* and I mean way up to "the sides of the north" (Psalm 48:2) where He is. Amen? Well, for now we're here, so we might as well make the best of it 'til He comes.



Now I'd like to tell you about some folks in our ministry who have been doing just that. Bro. Abner is a young man in our church who is currently studying to be a nurse. Over the last few years he became friends with one of his professors who holds a doctorate in medicine and teaches in the two medical universities in our area. Abner has been sowing the seed and asking prayer for this older educated gentleman for years now and last Sunday night the seed planted and watered bore fruit. Dr. José Vitor came to church and listened as our Brazilian pastor, Rafael Lopes preached the word of God, then during the invitation he came and trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior. After services he remarked how that now he is a "babe in

Christ" needing the care and instruction of his long-time pupil, Bro. Abner. As I listened to his comment I said to myself: "Matt it just doesn't get any better than that down here." I mean how often do you see a college professor come listen to a young man with only a high school diploma and a Bible Institute certificate to his name preach the gospel and then walk the aisle to publically accept Jesus Christ? I'll be honest I wish you could have seen it. Anyhow the best I can do for you is the picture to the upper left of Dr. José Vitor, Bro. Abner, and Pastor Rafael.

Brother Adriano brought another man to church (he's the one that brought Paulo who was saved last month and pictured in our last letter). This man came on a Wednesday Night and after Bible Study he was led to the Lord by our deacon Brother Eduardo Ferreira. As I mentioned in our last letter it's something else to see men over forty accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior! Brother Adriano, Brother Reginaldo (who trusted Christ), and Brother Eduardo are pictured to the right.



All has not gone as hoped however, the lady banker, Sister Juliani (from our Aug.-Sept. 2017 letter), who had accepted Jesus Christ and was coming faithfully despite her husband, Renato, giving her a hard time; has unfortunately been transferred to another town. So, our prayer now is that she gets transferred back here where she can be in church again. I can end this letter though on a positive note by informing all of you that André, whom we asked prayer for in our February 2017 letter, finally trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior two weeks ago. He and his wife Letícia have been in church lately and we are praying for his spiritual growth. Please pray for our upcoming 3rd Annual Hope Valley Camp Meeting that will be held from February 9th to the 13th. I'll let you know how things went in our next letter. Thanks again for supporting the work here in Minas Gerais, Brazil.

For His Harvest,

The Sherrouse Family (Bro. Matt, Sis. Jodi, Peter, Heidi, Emily, Jonathan, Joseph, Justin, and Hunter.)



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