



The Lawson Family

Adventures of Faith – June 2020

“...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” – Matthew 16:18

We understand that the coronavirus has affected the world in a negative way. However, the Lord has used this difficult time as a great blessing for our ministry in Brazil. Brazil appears to be the epicenter of the virus now, and this stirs us to diligently work for the Lord. **While the numbers of deaths are growing, we would like to decrease the number of people that will die without the Lord.**

We are trying to give the Gospel to every person we come in contact with, and since March we have distributed approximately 10,000 gospel tracts and had another 10,000 professionally printed at the end of May. **Also, every week my family and I are giving Bibles to people who don't have the Word of God.** I have great joy that all of my children (on their own) have met people that didn't have a Bible and are helping distribute them.

The Brazilians in our city are becoming more aware of our presence every day. For example, my neighbors brought a lady that was sick to my house for prayer. I wasn't home then, but the next day a lady that works for the city health department also brought her to my house. They were seeking a miraculous healing, but I gave them both the Gospel. **With tears, her concern transitioned from her body to her soul and that day she prayed for salvation.**

Throughout April, I was preaching in the home of a Brazilian family. We had almost twenty people on one Sunday. While Jonas, the father, invited all of his family, we didn't feel at liberty to invite others into his home. We decided to start having services in our home, because we were meeting so many new people and being asked, **“Where is the church?”** This has been exciting!

You may remember Marcos. His mother is the lady that said she had been praying for years that God would send someone to here city and to her family. Even though he isn't a Christian, nor interested in church, he has become a very close friend. Since I started writing the weekly Bible lessons, I have asked Marcos to proof read them. I don't want them to contain mistakes or cultural misunderstandings. More importantly, I use this opportunity (without his knowledge...I think) to get the Word of God in his heart. **Recently, after reading a lesson he asked me, “Does the Bible really say that?”** And, this past week Marcos said the lesson was the best one yet and it would help many people! Pray for my friend Marcos!

We have been looking for a location to rent for a church for several months, but the pandemic has made that difficult. For that reason, we began researching the price of various properties and **we found one that appears to be ideal for planting a church.** The property has a house that we will convert into a church, in a populated neighborhood, with a double corner lot, space for parking, a brick wall securing the property, and room for future growth. The economy was already bad here in Brazil, but the coronavirus has made it worse. However, the exchange rate for the dollar has increased dramatically. Previously, this property would have cost \$120,000 US dollars. Currently, it can be purchased for \$55,000 US dollars. I made a 6½ minute video in front of the property and you can view it through our YouTube channel “lawsonstobrazil.” The video is titled, “Can You Help Plant a Church in Brazil?” **Please pray God provides \$55,000 for the purchase of this property.**

Turning the World Upside Down – Acts 17:6

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