

Sowers of Hope Ministry

Jesus for the Wolof People

Leaving Brazil on the way to Africa!

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,
Greetings in Christ Jesus!

After 8 years of moving in the direction of the field in Africa, we are in our final moments here in Brazil. During these 8 years, we studied Theology in the Baptist Seminary of Cariri, and visited around 85 churches, always encouraging the brethren to look to the ends of the earth and turn towards those peoples who have not yet been reached by the Gospel. We have also encouraged them to turn their lives over completely to the will of God for His people, a people purchased by the blood of His Son for a great work, the results of which, are eternal. By the grace of God, we have raised support to live and work in the field, along with all the necessary equipment. Today there are 54 churches and some individual brothers who are supporting our family in this project from God. We have equipment for two complete dental stations, a generator, and a vehicle to take the Word of God and dental care to a people who do not know God or have access dental care. All of this shows us that what is impossible with man, is possible with God.

During these 8 years we have lived through tribulations that produced perseverance, the perseverance produced experience, and experience, hope. We feel the Word of God applied in our day-to-day lives. These were times of renouncing, times of discovery, and also times of great intimacy with God. These were times of learning in the desert, a desert which was necessary for those who seek to do the will of God, because it is in the desert that we learn how it is important to trust Him, how it is necessary to trust Him, and how, above all, we cannot stop trusting Him. It is in the desert that God reveals Himself. It is when we are weak, that we are strong in Him. His power is perfected in our weakness. It is in the desert that we discover our great limitations, and we turn ourselves completely over to God in trust and in thankfulness. This was the spirit that God developed in us during these past years. He has blessed us more than we asked or imagined and His generosity has been reflected in the actions of our brethren who have sustained us in prayer and through offerings of love. He, who knows all our necessities, is always supplying all of them. In all things we are thankful to God and we are joyful in Him, in His sovereignty, in His marvelous will, in His incomparable power, in His infinite love, and in His marvelous grace.

For this reason, beloved, we praise God for your lives and for your initiative in contributing with our family, helping us to do the will of God. We are immensely grateful to God who disposes hearts, and to the brethren who have allowed themselves to be used by God in this work.

Please feel free to write to us. In truth, we very much need to receive news of the brethren. The financial offerings keep us in the field, but your words comfort and encourage us, and make us know that we are not alone. We need

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your prayers even more! Do not grow weary! We are arriving in the field and now the battle really begins. Now we are entering the territory where the darkness is denser and there is very little light. Pray that the light of Christ shines in and through us, and that the text of Matthew 4:16 *“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”* would also be fulfilled here in Africa.

We will be leaving Brazil and headed for Cape Verde, where we will stay until the bureaucracy around the sending of our support is worked out with the bank. This time in Cape Verde will serve as a time of adaptation for our family to a new context and reduce the transcultural impact for Ana Laura and the girls. We will also seek to help the work of the missionaries in Cape Verde. God is good and provides for all His works.

We ask for prayers for our health, some sicknesses have arisen in our family, which although not serious, in this moment of transition cause discomfort for our arrival to the field.

Pray for the transportation of our equipment. The logistical details are all coming to a close, with the only remaining one being the confirmation of our date of arrival to Gambia.

Pray also for the acquisition of a vehicle. We are already considering prices and accessories, which will be necessary for a vehicle, which must be able to drive over dry terrain and where fueling stations are far from the area where we will work. There are many details, which need to be well planned before the work can be carried out in the best possible way during the years that God would maintain this Project alive in the African field.

Pray for more dentists for our team. We have equipment for two stations, and another colleague would be very welcome. If God would provide a woman dentist it would be an even greater blessing, because it would be a great help in working with women and children, given that my care of these two groups will be more restricted, especially with the women.

Pray for the other ministries, which will be developed, like for example, a sports ministry that could use soccer schools to reach children, teenagers and young people. We are known for being good at soccer, and that will draw many to come learn to play soccer with the Brazilians. This would be a skill that God has granted to the people of our nation to assist in the preaching of the Word to other peoples.

If you have a skill or profession that can be used in the field as a means of reaching people who are difficult to reach, join us! In addition to the Wolof tribe, in Gambia there are also the Mandinka, Pulaar, Serer-sine, Jola, Fulkunda, and many others.

To those who feel called, and don't know where to start, talk with your Pastor. He may be able to provide direction. You can also contact us so that we can talk about it. Do not neglect the call of God because of not taking action or a voluntary lack of knowledge. We are ambassadors of Christ, representatives of

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the Kingdom of God in a world that is dominated by sin and distant from the glory of God The Creator. If you do not feel called to go, do the work where you are, evangelize, preach, teach...love God above all things. The work of missions is done, above all else, out of love for God. Love the sinner, they need to hear that there is salvation in Jesus Christ, whether they are chosen or not, because the name of the Lord is glorified in the preaching of the Gospel. Do not waste your life, which is so valuable, and purchased by the blood of the Lamb.

Receive a big hug from all of us, and may God continue to bless your lives even more. And may the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ be the focus and aim of your lives.

In the love of Christ,

Missionaries Heron, Ana Laura, Ana Beatriz and Ana Leticia
Called to serve the Lord in the field of Africa
Maranatha Multicultural Ministries

*“God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.”
Psalm 67:1-2*

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