



The Lawson Family

Adventure of Faith – May 2018

“Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.” - Psalm 92:13

The months of March and April were months of growth. We have noticeably seen growth in the lives of the people. It is an awesome feeling seeing the new converts respond to the messages, study the Word of God, and demonstrate the newness of life that they have after their salvation.

In March, we were able to baptize Nagila. This was a joyous time for our family and church. There were many visitors and members of her family that witnessed her testimony and baptismal. The Lord is working in her family, as her brother was saved shortly before her. Also, in March, Nair, Nagila's mother, wanted to talk to me about being saved. As we sat at church, I thoroughly explained Biblical salvation. She told me that according to the Bible she had been saved, but was not live according to her salvation. We then talked with her about her life. Unfortunately, she allowed sin to consume her life. We prayed on the altar and I heard one of the sweetest prayers of repentance that I have ever heard. She bathed the altar with her tears as she asked the Lord to forgive her. She has been to almost every service since and weeps many times through the messages. **We are seeing her transform from an ungodly woman to a Godly mother.** The last week of March we had a church and youth conference. We were praying for revival and I believed the Lord helped the people greatly. We had a record attendance and averaged 120 people each night. The conference was about allowing the Holy Spirit to build your life. There was much preaching against the flesh and worldliness, but every message was well received. It was obvious that the Lord was dealing with the hearts of the people and Sunday morning (during the fourth service) **the altar was flooded with Christians praying and seeking the Lord.** Even though that service was two hours long, there were people in the church talking, counseling, and praying for an hour and forty-five minutes after the services ended. We praise God for His work.

We were honored to have Pastor Staub and the members of Silvery Lane Baptist Church of Dearborn Heights, MI, and Pastor Perry of Victory Baptist Church of Bloomsburg, PA, visit Brazil and our family in April. **This was so refreshing and encouraging** to have folks from the U.S. We were able to show them the great need for the Gospel, and we were also able to show them the need for prayer as we had guns drawn on us while we were traveling.

We accepted an invitation to participate with a youth conference that included many churches from the capital city. The youth were excited about attending that conference, but for Jessica and some of our family this was a new experience. We were told to bring our own beds or a “rede” (hammock). We took hammocks and slept in screened in dorms. The first night the men's dorm caught fire, but was quickly extinguished. While it was primitive, in the middle of nowhere, and hot, the preaching was good and we had an awesome adventure. Besides the, rats, bats, and poisonous caterpillars, **we believed we were accepted by the Brazilians and as being Brazilian** during this conference. We have prayed for ten years, “Lord, help us become Brazilians.” We all still have a long ways to go, but being accepted helps encourage us to continue.

We are now scheduling meetings for our furlough. Our tickets have been purchased and we will be arriving in the U.S. on June 5, 2018. **We plan to be in the U.S. for a year.** The Lawson family would love to come show our appreciation for your prayers and sacrifice and update you how the Lord has used your mission dollars. If you have a mission's conference or a date that we could give come by, please contact us as soon as possible.

Lastly, our son **Jahaziel will need another surgery** on his leg that was amputated. We have already scheduled an all-day examination in SC on June 12th and depending on the exams, his surgery is scheduled for June 14th.

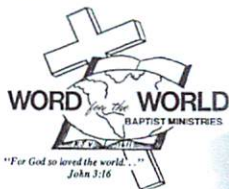
Please use this letter to help fashion your prayers for Brazil and the Lawson family.

Turning the World upside Down – Acts 17:6
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