



Ellie's Epistle -February- April 2018

PRAYER REQUESTS

- + PTL For the safe return of the Stucky families to Southern Brazil
- + Pray for spiritual growth for Marcela and Angela!
- + PTL an amazing teen camp with 54 campers and a challenge to choose to live for Christ instead of the World.
- + Pray a safe trip to Europe June 12- July 5. PTL for this opportunity with family!
- + Pray for the Campo Bom Church as they vote concerning the transition into two churches June 3rd.
- + Pray the people would trust the Lord to meet the church's needs and the leadership would have wisdom in making this a joyous event.

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SIGNS OF LIFE

One of the things that amazes me most is, that the times we need prayer the most, are the hardest moments to get a newsletter out. Every year I made a promise in January that I would get a letter done once every month. Then February came with one of my worst flares yet. This time, with full on vertigo, "survival mode" became the key phrase. When things started looking up, April came with a nasty stomach bug going around that sent many people to the hospital. I am so thankful that I am starting to do better. Please pray that I would continue to get stronger again.

So, it's time to give you a little glimpse of where the energy I had was going in the last three months. It is these moments that we can truly see the hand of God moving. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

In February, it was a real blessing to travel north 5 hours to visit co-workers, Jon and Denielle Johnson and kids, in Florianopolis and see a little of what the Lord is doing there and spend some time relaxing. Here's a little glimpse of our ice cream stop after the day at the beach! This month there were also special moments with special friends. Jordana (on the left) is



preparing to go to Mozambique as a missionary. Please pray the Lord would provide her needs to be able to go next year. Sabrina (right) is helping me disciple Marcela. I am so thankful for the opportunity to train her to disciple others more effectively.

In March, it was special to participate in the first ladies meeting of the year. Carol, our new pastor's wife in Campo Bom, did an excellent job. The women were challenged to love and read God's Word.





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I had expected March to be a fairly “normal” month except it was the month that we were working on getting the teen retreat ready for April and Kady left for the US on furlough. Please pray for her time with churches and family in the coming months. Then we had a shock when Rogerio, a leader in the Campo Bom church, had a heart attack. There were a few weeks in which we accompanied him and his wife, Nair, to provide the support she needed. Rogerio survived, but is completely incapacitated. Also, shortly after Rogerio leaving the hospital, Nair broke her foot and is now recovering from surgery. Please pray as Nair recovers, that they would find the best living situation for Rogerio, and that they would be able to get the help they need to pay for the care home and medications.



April was also full of many special activities. We had teen camp April 20-22. There were about 54 campers who were challenged to choose to live a life that honors the Lord from the book of Proverbs. These campers represented 7 different churches. We also challenged them in the area of missions and the church's part in missions. Each team was a church and they needed to get their missionary through the visa process and send materials to the churches in India. During the discussion time at the end, it was amazing to see how many were challenged about how important it is for the church to be accompanying their missionaries and encouraging them.



Team challenges:
building relationships
with teens from other
churches.



Being a believer can be a lonely thing in Southern Brazil. This was a great chance for our teens to see they are not alone.



Please pray these teens will
apply the lessons learned
in their lives.