

January, February & March Newsletter

Mission Work in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

“Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.” Psalm 111:2

Jose Roberto was passing by our church building on a Sunday morning, was invited to come in, worshipped the Lord with us, heard the Gospel, and after the service he was willing to learn more about God’s will for his life. Therefore, Jose and I sat down and studied the Word until 2:00 p.m. Roberto truly understood the plan of Salvation and decided to put on Christ through baptism that afternoon! May God be praised!



Ana teaching Bible school at the Children’s Home



Visiting and assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ is part of everyone’s missions. Jose Coelho, an 83-year-old brother in Christ who lives alone in a tiny house (picture above) always rejoices when we pay him a visit!

Young couples' ministry



Equipping our Bible school teachers



National Christian Youth Camp

170 young people from all over Brazil



Romans x Christians game at the church camp



Every year, during the Brazilian Carnival period (similar to Mardi Gras in New Orleans), we put together an event for our youth in order to help them to focus on the Lord. It was the 40th year of this blessed encounter with the theme "40 years in the wilderness" based on Deuteronomy 8. I invited James Cory Waddel (picture above), pulpit minister at the Highland Heights CoC in Lebanon, TN, to challenge our young men and women to live for the Lord! God surely used him! We also taught everyone how to sing a 4-part harmony song (see the video attached to this email), which is not easy to do in Brazil! 1 young lady was baptized! God is good!

Alex leading the 4-part harmony song





Participants at the "Let the Bible speak" course



Alex & Chris talking about the solar players

National Bible School

Besides the regular classes, the National Bible School in Belo hosted two major intensive courses in the last two months. The first one is about a very successful methodology at the Northeast part of Brazil called "Let the Bible speak." Randy Short, a missionary in that area, taught us how to reach our religious neighbors in a large scale. Within this course, we also learned from Chris Swinford (top right picture), who serves at the Sunset International Bible Institute, about the solar-powered audio players that can reach millions of people who cannot read or write. You can learn more about it at www.sibi.cc/solar. Another great course was taught by brother Miles Cotham, who is a deacon at the Old Hickory CoC in the Nashville area. Miles has served the Lord in more than 100 countries and he shared his experiences as well as thoroughly instructed the brethren in Belo about missions!



Alex translating for Miles



Half of the Missions' class



Worship service in Sete Lagoas

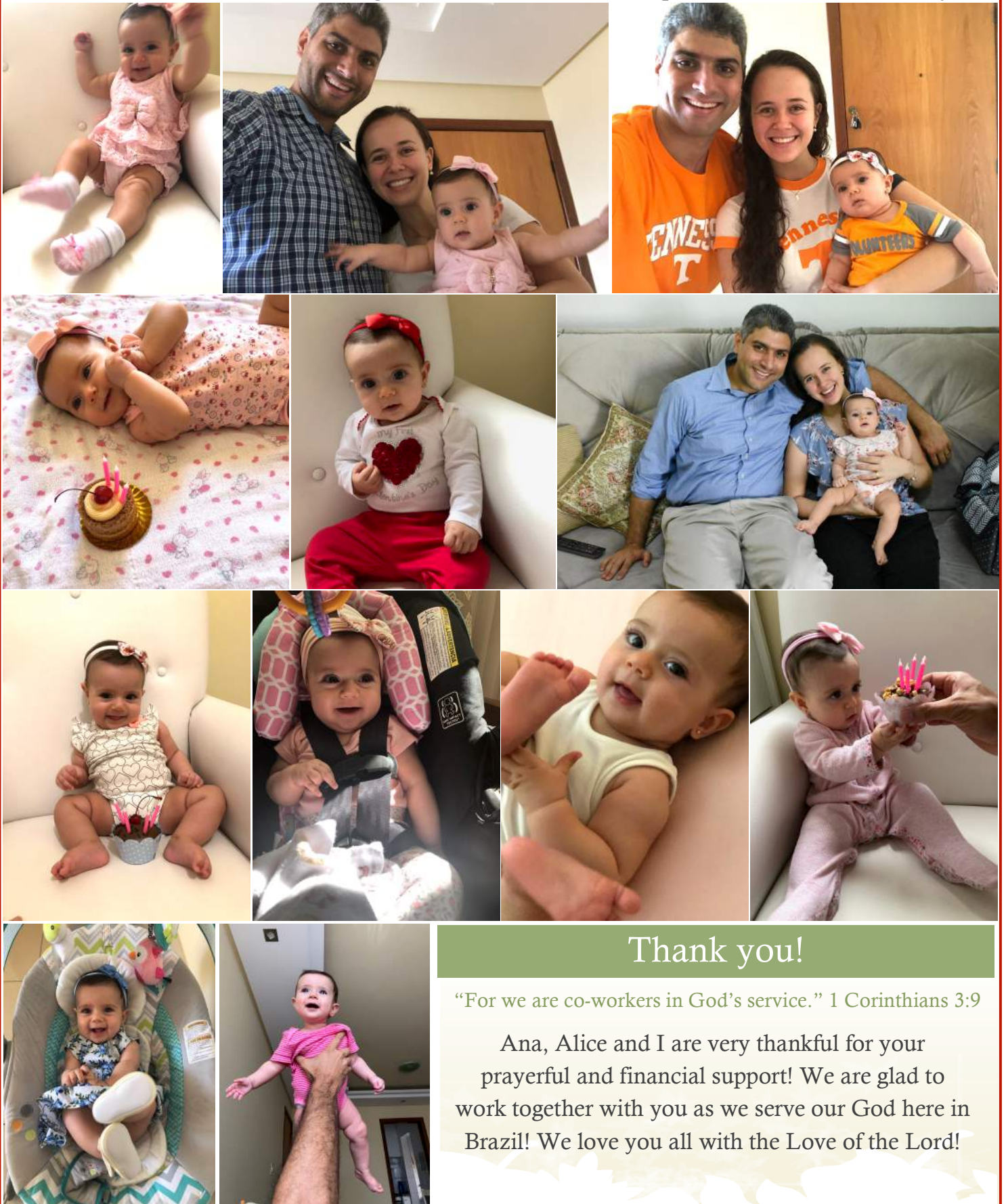


Sete Lagoas Mission

Sete Lagoas is a city in the state of Minas Gerais with more than 200.000 habitants and the Lord's church is being established there! So far, there are 3 baptized women in that city and we go there on Sundays evening to have a worship service with them. As a result, Gabriel, Jose (picture to the right), and Bruno are already having personal Bible studies. Please pray for this mission!



Family update: Ana and I are enjoying our time and challenges as parents! Alice is 5 months old now and continues to be a blessing in our lives! Here are some pictures of our blessed family!



Thank you!

“For we are co-workers in God’s service.” 1 Corinthians 3:9

Ana, Alice and I are very thankful for your prayerful and financial support! We are glad to work together with you as we serve our God here in Brazil! We love you all with the Love of the Lord!