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Dear Pastor and Supporting Church members,

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### **News From Batatais/Orlândia - SP!**

Winter is coming somewhat to an end here in Brazil. We had a few cold fronts that came through this year which hopefully will have killed some of the mosquitos that have caused several different illnesses here. Even with the cooler weather we have continued to see the work continue. We have seen the Lord bless in many ways and allowed us to minister to different people in ways that we did not imagine.

In the month of June, we were asked to speak at a youth rally. There were seven churches represented by youth. We had the opportunity to preach about Christ as our Savior and then as a friend that is always with us.

July is winter break for schools here, so we were able to do a few different things at the church we are working at. We have started having special monthly meetings focused on evangelism with the youth. We take one Saturday in the month and have a special meeting at the home of one of the young people and challenge them to bring friends. We also every other month are meeting separately, I meet with the young men and my wife with the young girls. We use this time to deal with needs directed to the group specifically.

We have also continued with our Old Testament Survey with the young people. We have finally reached Exodus. We will be finishing this book and looking at Leviticus over the next 4 weeks. We have nearly completed the materials for the complete study of the Old Testament. We have also started to develop for the Sunday school a study on the major false religions. We decided to do this study after the youth had taken a month to study how to Evangelize.

Through this we have seen the young people start to understand their responsibility to reach those around them with the gospel. A member of the church that has a business was having an event open to the city, invited the young people to set up a booth, due to other events taking place they were not able to set up the booth, but they did go to the event and hand out tracts to the people present. Also, some of the young people are taking a course on how to have a children's ministry. They came and wanted to know if they could begin the ministry to reach children that do not go to church with the purpose of reaching the entire family. Please pray for these young people, they are taking the course and paying for it on their own.

We have over the last year asked for prayer for João Pedro, a young man that last year discovered he had a cancerous tumor in his chest. He went through a year of chemotherapy, traveling every 20 days 2 hours away from his home to get the treatment. In the middle of July, he went to have tests run to see how the treatments had gone and two weeks ago, Praise the Lord, the doctors gave him a clean slate, said that he was cured and that there were no more cancer cells in his body. He will continue follow up exams for the next 2 years to verify that nothing returns.

Also, we arrived on Sunday evening for services, as we sat down, in the pews behind us was sitting a family. We greeted them and soon the service started. At the end of the service the wife spoke with my wife. She was a lady that about 19 years ago we had worked with, just after getting married. I had taught English in her school. After 3 years working there the Lord moved us to another part of Brazil. Before we left, Luciana and I gave the lady a Bible and presented the gospel to her and her mother. During the past 19 years, she had gotten married had two daughters and they had all received Christ as their Savior. Someone had invited them to come to the church, so they did.

### **Planned Furlough.**

We continue to work on our plans to be in the USA in 2018. We have had some churches contact us about coming by to report. We also will be contacting our supporting churches to see if we can come by, and if you are a church that would like to have us come by feel free to contact us also. We have also received some funds from churches helping on our travel expenses.

Serving Christ in Brazil,

Ben Leaf Family

**Benjamin & Luciana Leaf**  
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**"there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1**

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