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 Missionaries to Brazil

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church members,

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Happy 2018 From Batatais/Orlândia - SP!

Happy New Year to all. What a blessed 2017 the Lord gave us! Through many trials we were able to see the Lord's blessings upon us. What a privilege we have to serve God and see how he can use us to do His work. We look back to 2017 and rejoice to see what He did, and are sure that as 2018 begins He will continue to use us and bless us.

In December we finished off having a gathering of the young people where they had the chance to talk about what they had seen God do in their lives throughout the year. Even though several had other activities, it was a joy to see most of them present and even some coming in a bit late just to be there. We finished off challenging them to look to the next year and what they could do for the Lord and consider allowing God to use them as an instrument to reach their friends.

2017 finished and we have not even had time to stop to breathe. We are preparing for a youth rally in Orlândia that is marked for the 20th of January. This meeting is held once a month in different cities and we requested to have the first this year. The theme is going to be "Friends". The emphasis is evangelism, on how to witness to friends and lead them to Christ. We are also emphasizing the bringing of friends. Please pray for this event that will take place in a few weeks.

As a family we can only rejoice in what God did for us in 2017. The end of the year was a time for us to celebrate some accomplishments in our daughter's life. As many of you might remember, Melissa arrived in Brazil speaking, but not reading nor writing. Well, she finished 9th grade through the Brazilian school system! She will now be going into their version of High School. She also celebrated her 15th birthday on the 6th of December. Here it is a special date when you reach 15, it is when you are a teenager. We had a party at the church for her. She has been such a blessing. She has been helping with the children's church program once a month.

Planned Furlough.

We continue to work on our furlough. Please pray especially for this we are starting to schedule churches and already have had some of our supporting churches contact us about dates. If you would like to have us come through, feel free to contact us.

Prayer Requests:

Furlough: Finalizing the plans and scheduling meetings. **Luciana's visa.**

Young people: New comers; New converts; Those taking exams to enter universities (Sarah, Luiz Yago, Mateus, Lucas).

Serving Christ in Brazil,

Ben Leaf Family

"there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1

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