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Dear Pastor and Supporting Church members,

February 20, 2024

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalms 23:6

News from the Leaf's.

We would like to say how thankful we are for the care and protection that the Lord has given us even at the beginning to this year. The second week of January we had to travel to the city of São Paulo to renew Melissa's American passport. We had a few days to rest and visit some friends we had not seen in some time. I had the privilege of preaching one Sunday evening and seeing a lady make a profession of faith. On our way back to Ribeirão Preto, a 4-hour drive, we were going through a toll and a car in front of us stopped and decided he wanted to backup to change lanes. I was able to stop before hitting him, but he did back up into our car very gently causing no damage. The blessing was, there was no semi behind us. We were able to continue to trip and arrived safely home later that evening.

News from Ribeirão Preto.

In January, as mentioned above we were away from our ministries in Ribeirão Preto, but they did not stop. January and February are the months most Brazilians do their family travels. Due to this, ministries are a bit slower. We spent the month of January looking back at what happened in 2023 and planning for this year. We are excited at what the Lord is leading us to do and some doors that are opening for us. Please pray with us for some opportunities and the Lord's leading in them.

As to our young people's ministry we had a great 2023. We saw many of them encouraged in the Lord and faithful in the Lord. Our leaders in training were a great help and were able to grow in learning our philosophy of ministry. Because of this, this year we are continuing with the two couples that were with us last year and are also bringing on two more couples to begin working and learning what ministry is and how to develop a ministry in a local church. We are excited about the possibilities we see for the future with these four couples.

Our International Baptist Service, which we started last September has been a great outreach. We have averaged 20-25 people since we started. Many of those have been faithful since the beginning. In January, we saw the number of people coming drop a little due to vacations, but most have already returned. Many services we have had visitors. In December we had a man from Uganda that was visiting a friend come to the service. He was overjoyed because he did not speak Portuguese. He is a Christian and in Uganda his church meets on Thursday's, so does our service. He was so happy he was able to be in a service in which he could worship the Lord and understand the message.



In closing, we would ask that you be praying for us and the goals we have for 2024. Also, continue to pray for the supplies for our daughter's pump. Over the last few months, we have had problems receiving from the government all the supplies, so we need to make some decisions on how to guarantee that she gets them. Finally, we would like to thank all those that have faithfully prayed and pray for us and thank you to those that have faithfully financially supported our ministry here in Brazil.

Serving Christ in Brazil,

Ben Leaf

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Missionaries to Brazil

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