

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.” Isaiah 65:24

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Dear Partners of The Nunes Family, serving the LORD among the Portuguese Nations,

Greetings from South Carolina! We just made “down” on Tuesday and were at Blessed Hope Baptist Church last night. We are excited for what the LORD is doing for us, with us and through us. It was a blessing to be at Blessed Hope and encourage the people there as they prepare to receive their new Pastor, Bro. Barnes. He will be moving from Texas and will be there for his first service on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Blessed Hope is a long time partner and that ministry heads up Hope Tract Ministry that has provided us with tracts in Portuguese for our Ministry in Brazil and Portugal, and now in Africa as well. Please, pray for Pastor Barnes and the work of the LORD there in York, South Carolina. We can't emphasize enough how important it is for our Partners praying for each one of our Partners, that we continue on for the Cause of CHRIST.

Even in the situation at Blessed Hope, we saw the above verse once again become a reality, how the LORD put Bro. Barnes and BHBC together. Our GOD answers prayers, and HE “orchestrates” the answers even before we call!

On the road we have seen that happen more than once (when we needed a pair of Shoes for Joseph Neal, we got to Calvary in Cocoa and at their Samaritan Store, there was 2 of his size, brand new, waiting for him! Or when Ana Laura saw some toys at Wal-Mart and her mother encouraged her to ask the LORD for them. That same week in an early Birthday Party for her, she got those same toys! Also, when we were driving to Greenville to get a car that has been loaned to us, which was in the repair shop. Without our debit card, and cash on hand, since we just made a deposit before traveling, we realized how difficult it would be to fill up the Suburban for us to drive back to North Carolina. After realizing that, we prayed, we really prayed for GOD's provision. The morning that we had to drive out, checking how was the car, to our surprise, the one that came back from the repair shop came with a tank filled!!! Well, it was the same car all right, but GOD touched our host's heart as he drove home from the repair shop, to stop and fill up the tank for us! Now, that was one day before we even realized our situation!!! *“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”* We told Bro. Duke Powell, once we learned what he did, how we wish that every Christian would be a missionary for a day, depending solely upon the LORD! It is awesome to serve HIM, but we don't have words to express how wonderful and great it is for us to be “served” by HIM, the ONE that takes care of us and supplies all of our needs! We had great services at Shiloh Baptist Church, with Pastor Bruce McLanahan in Ramseur, NC where even 2 persons expressed a desire for a new life in CHRIST. And the sweet time at West Asheboro Baptist Church with our long time friend Pastor Samuel Hicks and the people there. Pastor Sam is going to provide us with thousands of prayer cards and the Church will become our Partner! We returned for a “second round” at Needham's Grove Church and Pastor Cochram which has been so kind to host us and the people there going out of their way to bless us. Really, even putting on outstanding Birthday Party for Ana Laura on her 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>! Thanks ya'll!!!

To close our time in North Carolina, we were a whole day at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Archdale, with Pastor Callahan. What a great time of Worship, Preaching and Fellowship we had that day, sharing the Love of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Luiz drove up there again on May 27<sup>th</sup> to preach at their High School Graduation. If GOD permits us to become Partners, it will be a wonderful blessing and addition to our team. This weekend, we go to Bro. Ronnie Powell in Greenville and then to Clearwater at Lakeside Baptist Church, closing our meetings in the Carolinas. Then...You got it right: Georgia! Having “Georgia on our minds” we are finally going there to our Home Church, North Point Baptist Church for the first time since we came back to the USA.

Our arrival in Georgia will be the same day, 5 years ago, that we arrived in Portugal! Through it all we Praise the LORD for using our lives for HIS Glory and in HIS cause, for giving us the most faithful and wonderful group of Partners, that have been with us. And with HIS help and by HIS Grace we'll continue to go forward.

“Reading” our last Prayer letter at one of our stop, we realize we “write a lot” so we are trying to cut down on the words...

Here is a short prayer list:

Pray for us as we continue to travel. Pray for New Meetings to be booked, for new Partners to join us, to GOD's protection and help to our family and our Partners.

Pray for our trip to Brazil. We can't stay more than 6 months in North America, so we are leaving to Brazil in August and returning in September, LORD's willing. Pray for our time in Brazil, for us to be able to build the Church in the interior of Piaui. We are taking a group of men from the first Church we built in Brazil to do that work. We have a man that will Pastor that Church. He came from the Northeast of Brazil to our region in Sao Paulo, got saved and felt the burden to go home and win his own people! So, our Churches there are helping him out. We believe building a place for them to meet will help greatly in reaching the people in Piaui. Due to the time limit we have to do the work, the location and condition of that area, we are not taking a team from the USA for this project, but anyone can help if desire to give funds for it (with \$ 10,000 dollars we believe we can build that Church!). Pray that we'll have the necessary funds for that, there are no economic crises in the Work of the LORD! HE has done it before, HE can do it again!!!

Closing, we have a major Praise: we have been able to book several meetings since our last Prayer letter, and we have had more phone calls back from Pastors than we could even answer! But continue to pray that our work to schedule meetings will be completely done! We love you, and we pray for you!

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