

Recife Report June-July 2020

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Dear Friends and Family,

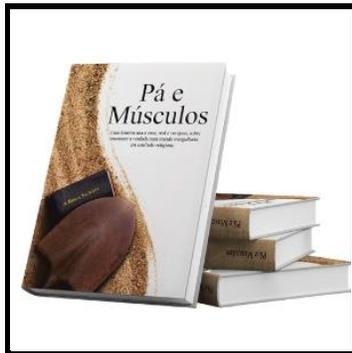
We hope this finds you doing well in these uncertain times. We feel sure that each of you is doing what you feel is best. Decisions can be difficult at times. We continue to stay at home pretty much on lockdown as we have since March 15.

Our reporting has changed somewhat over the last few months. Many are photos of screen shots showing meetings, church services, online courses, radio programs. We feel the work continues to be a blessing in spite of the format change and would like to share some of the happenings with you.

Last month we reported the baptism of EBNESR graduate, Marivaldo's son who studied the book **Muscle and a Shovel**. This month we are thrilled to report the baptism of Marivaldo's wife and daughter.



The radio show in Recife continues from 8:45 to 9 on weekday mornings. We rotate the shows by week among the teachers at EBNESR. Last week was my week to present lessons and I offered a free **Muscle and a Shovel** book to the first five callers each day. 25 books were donated and we pray that those reading them will have open and receptive hearts.



I felt the need for a follow up course for students who completed the “Let the Bible Speak” online course and developed a 7 lesson, 2 week online course on **Baptism: Truth Beyond the Water**. We just sent out the certificates of conclusion to 140 students.



Our **Sunday morning church service** is now being broadcast live from the building where a few gather each Sunday morning using government recommended precautions. Our **Wednesday night service** is over Zoom and YouTube and we are able to see each other and participate during the service with prayer requests and songs.



As most of you know the **LAR Maná Childrens Home** has always had a special place in our hearts. We provide encouragement, advice and support as needed. This month we were elected to serve on the Board of Directors. The **EBNESR school** has had a project at the home for the children for the past 4 years, sometimes monthly and sometimes weekly, with the focus on learning experiences and bonding time with the children.

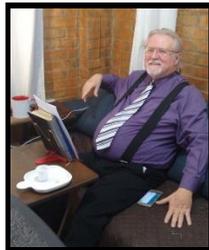
Three LAR children were adopted this month: one brother and sister family unit and one baby. (see photo below)

Below: meeting of the Board of Directors over Google Meet and photos are of the children ages 2-3 in their preschool, which is located on the grounds of the LAR. These children are not old enough to attend a regular school so we have brought a learning experience to them five mornings a week from 8-12! It's pretty awesome. We call it **Manna from Heaven Preschool**. Kathy serves as an educational consultant to the LAR as needed. We pray God's blessings and protection for these precious children in our care.



Preaching for the church in **Campinas, Sao Paulo on Sunday morning. (Bottom L)

Meeting of **Productions Staff of EBNESR for planning the use of a developing sound/video recording studio. (Bottom R)

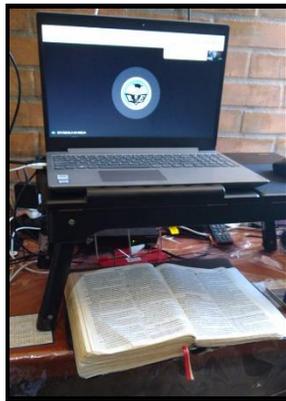


Our directors meet virtually each Wednesday afternoon, exactly as we did in our building until 5 months ago.

EBNESR morning classes have started back at the building with masks and recommended distancing precautions. **ZOOM with the public classes** are held each evening Monday-Friday. This quarter I am teaching the book of John on Thursday evenings. I taught an intensive EBNESR course on Acts each Saturday during July. (see photos below)



I taught a **radio course** on the book of Ephesians on M-W-F mornings with EBNESR graduate, Valdizan, who works in Pelotas. It is a interactive, live show with callers being able to call in with questions and comments. I am currently teaching the Gospel of John on M-W-F mornings.



These are different times, as we have mentioned before. We are grateful to be able to continue to evangelize, teach and direct the school through the tools we have and are able to use.

Personal prayer request: My sister, Peggy and her husband, Willie are hospitalized with Covid19. Peggy is in a private room and Willie is in ICU. My nieces are unable to visit, of course, and are dependent on whatever information they can get through the nurses on the respective floors. Please pray that they recover fully.

On the home front: Our little **banana grove** is now producing. We have seven stalks of bananas ripening (each one with 10 or so bunches). Since we are in winter with rain and cooler temperatures by about 10 degrees, they are taking their time but when they do come ripe we enjoy sharing them all around.



Our prayers for each of you as you continue to serve God wherever you are. We thank you for your prayers and continued support of the work here in Brazil.

Blessings!
Randy and Kathy