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Huffman Highlights July 2017

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Our church people helped plan a surprise "going away party" for **Jessica**. She was **18 months old** when we arrived in Brazil, and now she is **18 years old** and about to start college! (Michael isn't too happy about the idea. :-)

April-May



Several years ago, **Fernando and Carol** (pictured above) started attending our weekly services. The Lord allowed me to do a Bible Study in their home, and they both accepted Christ as their Savior during the course of the study. Our church family then began to pray for them and encourage them to grow in their faith. On Easter Sunday, they publicly identified with our risen Savior through **baptism**, along with five other people. It was a special blessing for all of us to host their **wedding** as the first wedding in our new building the following weekend. In our last quarterly business meeting, Fernando and Carol

joined the church, along with nine other people!



A very vital part of our young church is the student ministry!

It has been encouraging to see many of the teens growing in their walk with Christ, and they really enjoy serving the Lord together through the music ministry (middle), special plays (bottom right), and frequent activities. Tiago (far left of top left picture) and his wife Marcela (far right of top left picture) are also developing into strong **youth sponsors** as they have been very active in teaching, helping with activities (bottom left), and helping with our annual youth retreats (top left). Please continue to **pray for our teens**, especially as it relates to their friendships and dating relationships. The **extremely sensual culture of Brazil is rampant**, and teens who attempt to live for Christ often face much ridicule from their unsaved friends and family members. It is heartbreaking at times to see teens with so much potential choosing to believe Satan's lies and, therefore, setting themselves up for the destructive consequences that will certainly follow.

June: Couples, Construction, and Conversions



On Saturday, June 10, our church hosted a couple's activity to celebrate Brazil's equivalent of Valentine's Day.

Several unsaved **COUPLES** participated (left and bottom right), and all of the couples had a blast doing the games together. Pastor Diego, the **national pastor** of one of the churches we helped start in São Paulo, brought the challenge (top right).



The Lord enabled us to continue **CONSTRUCTION** progress as a result of a very generous offering that we received from one of our supporting churches in Virginia, as well as the sacrificial giving of our **ministry partners** and our own church family! In spite of the current financial and political crisis in Brazil, the Lord has enabled our church family to drastically increase their giving. **In summary, the following was completed this last quarter:** the gas lines were installed; the rest of the exterior doors and windows were installed; more of the interior doors were purchased; the drop ceiling and lights were installed in the pastoral office and under the main entrance balcony; the main entrance and pastoral office walls were prepared and painted; and the floor tile was laid in the main entrance, downstairs bathrooms, and pastoral office. On Saturday, June 24, our men and teens came out for a work day (pictured above) to help with the construction projects, and then the ladies and teens came later in the day to prepare the building for our services the next day. Although I was thrilled to see all the construction progress, nothing can top the joy of seeing gospel **CONVERSIONS** take place! Danilo (bottom right) and his wife Katy both accepted Christ as their Savior during a visit that our national pastor and I made in their home on June 21. Please pray for their continued growth as well as for William and Graziella, who are also new converts.

Saying Goodbye...



JESSICA started out with Kim and I on our journey to Brazil as a newborn while traveling to scores of churches on deputation. The Lord then used her in a special way in the two churches that we helped start in São Paulo, and she has been an integral part in our current church plant in Itupeva since she was ten years old. **So, you can imagine how her last few weeks in Brazil were full of mixed emotions.** It was a very special time to see her say goodbye to her Sunday School class (left picture). Our church teens prepared a special memory book with photos and surprised her by showing up at our house the night before she left Brazil (top right). Our entire family enjoyed having Jessica's friend Brooke Davis visit us as well. They have been good friends since Kindergarten! :-)

In lieu of a **senior trip for Jessica**, the Lord has given me the opportunity to take Jessica and Christina on a **missions trip to Albania and Kosovo** from July 13-27. Please pray that the Lord will give us opportunities to share the gospel and encourage our missionary friends!

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**Any funds sent towards our construction project can be sent to our mission board and designated for "Huffman's Building Fund-Brazil" and are tax deductible. Our desire is that any offerings given would be above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings to your local church.*

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