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Dear Friends,

The Ministry continues to be an exciting place to be. **Even as we continue to pray about taking over here at the campgrounds (Recanto Areté), our schedule just keeps on going.** In July, **we spent two weeks up north in the city of Cuiabá to help the Doolittle family with two different camps and learn a bit more about running camp.** They held their first-ever one-day English camp as an outreach to local English schools/students, then held their annual children's camp the very next week. We spent our time helping set up for and run both camps, where I taught one of the sessions, ran some games, and helped with the puppet show. We learned so much from them and have already been considering how we can improve camps down here based on what we learned. **During the children's camp, at least 10 children accepted Christ!**

Right after we got back from Cuiabá, we started preparations for a leadership conference that my uncle hosted here at Areté. Pastors from all over the country came in for the event, and there was a pastor from the US as the main speaker for the event. The Lord used that time not only to instruct us but also as a tremendous opportunity to connect with the other pastors here in Brazil. It is always wonderful to have fellowship with fellow laborers in Christ.

During the month of August, **our church put on a ladies' event that was also hosted here at Areté.** Lily was in charge of the decorations as well as helping with the organization of the event. We also did all the preparations here at the camp to receive the ladies that came. I helped work in the kitchen with several other men from our church as, to the utter shock of the women, only the men cooked and washed the dishes. **It was a joy to be able to serve, even in unexpected ways.**

In September, Lily and I had the opportunity to see some of her family and travel a little bit together. It was great to be able to spend time with them and reset a little for the next several events. As soon as we got back from our trip, **we got to participate in the wedding of some good missionary friends of ours.** It was wonderful to see them start a new stage of life so they can serve the Lord together. Back at our own church in Franca, **I have also had the opportunity to start counseling a couple who is struggling with their marriage.** Pray that God would help restore their marriage and family.

On a final note, pray for the presidential elections here in Brazil. We are at a very important turning point with the outcome having the possibility to interfere with missionaries and ministries across Brazil. That is on top of the economic problems that could become drastically worse. As a Brazilian citizen, I am required to vote, but in the process of moving to Franca, I have not transferred my voting location here yet. This means that I have to travel the 5-6 hours back to São Paulo to be able to vote. **Also, pray for our upcoming events, including our missions conference, a conference on the Bible, and our Christmas cantata.** Thank you all again for your continued prayers and support.

God bless.
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Psalm 139:14