



Ezekiel 2:4

"I do send thee unto them;
and thou shalt say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord God."

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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These last two months have been busy but encouraging in our language studies. In August we started studying with a new language teacher named John. Stephanie and I have been taking lessons from a teacher named Antonio since we arrived in Brazil, but recently made the decision to start language classes for our son, Kenton. We easily located a teacher through the woman who translated for our daughter's birth. After a week of observing John work with Kenton, Stephanie and I started classes with him as well. I still study with Professor Antonino like before, but now I fill the other days of the week with John. This change of pace has greatly helped my Portuguese just in the last month and half. We converse only in Portuguese for the lesson, and this is helping me to communicate effectively much faster.

I would greatly appreciate your prayers for our new teacher's salvation. After meeting him, I began to pray for a good opportunity to witness to him. God opened up the door through an assignment John gave me. He wanted me to prepare a speech on all of the different problems connected with pollution on our planet and simply what I thought of the subject. It was, as my former Pastor, Dr. Ruckman, would call, *a natural opening*. I prepared the speech, and was able to say that I'm not worried about pollution, because one day soon Jesus will return and He will take care of all environmental problems. I was then able to give a clear presentation of the gospel and was able to say that I am much more concerned with people dying and going to Hell, and explain that's the reason I came to Brazil. For class, I handed John the speech, and he stared at it for a while, and then told me to go ahead and start. After I finished speaking, he responded, "I understand." He has also told us that he would like to come to church at some point. John has been very helpful to me and my family, and it would be such a blessing for us to see him come to Christ! Please help us pray for his salvation!

Another person I would appreciate prayer for is an English student named Dudi. He studies English the hour before my lesson. I invited him to come to church with me and lunch afterwards so that we could practice our language skills. He was able to hear a clear presentation of the gospel at church, and afterward at my home where I was able to witness to him again. He is a lost Catholic.

September 7th marked my first attempt to preach entirely in Portuguese without using a translator. I haven't been that nervous since I was in Bible school, almost ten years ago. Thankfully, it was made easier by the fact that it was just for the youth group and not the whole church congregation. Obviously, I still have a very long way to go, but it's a blessing to see progress.

We appreciate your faithfulness and all of your prayers for us.

In Christ,
The Dare Family