



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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I would like to start out by saying a special thank you to all of our faithful supporters. I understand that the situation with the coronavirus is unprecedented, but I greatly appreciate your faithfulness. We would not be able to be here without your faithful prayers and support.

I wrote in my last letter that I had to suspend the Bible studies in Itajuba because of the virus. Restrictions vary from city to city, but Itajuba is a college town and like all college towns, it is very liberal. I expect the restrictions to be in place for the next couple of months. Not being able to teach the Bible there has required me to change up my normal work schedule a bit. Teaching in Portuguese requires a great deal of studying and preparation. So with the extra time, for the past two months I have been traveling to Itajuba to evangelize. I go three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and spend several hours there.

For these past two months of evangelizing, I ordered 15,000 tracts and invitations. I am going to have another 15,000 printed in the next two or three weeks because I've distributed most of them. The majority of track distribution is only sowing, but the Lord did allow me to reap from it. A few weeks ago I was distributing tracts in a neighborhood close to the hotel where we were having the studies. A few hours later I was contacted by a woman named Ana who had received the tract and invitation in her mailbox. She was going through a very rough time in her life and had been contemplating suicide that day. Her husband had deserted her and left her with two children and no job. I was able to arrange a visit with her a few days later. Praise God, after about an hour and half into the visit, she bowed her head and received Jesus Christ as her Savior.

One thing that has surprised me when witnessing in Itajuba is the number of Pentecostals, Apostolics, and Charismatics that I've dealt with. A Roman Catholic knows instantly that there is a difference between what I believe and what he believes. However, anyone here who isn't a Catholic considers himself an 'evangelical'. It is frustrating to give the gospel to people like this because they try very hard to agree with you and it is very difficult to get them "lost". A few days after seeing Ana get saved, I was able to give a track to a young man named Matheus who was out jogging. He stopped to talk and I was able to start witnessing to him. I asked him if he went to church anywhere and he replied that he didn't. My response was, "that's perfect" because I knew I wouldn't have to refute a religion. I then proceeded to explain to him that all religions teach some sort of works for salvation. He allowed me to open my Bible and show him what the scriptures say about salvation. It was a great joy for me to be able to lead him to the Lord as well. The photo to the side is of me and Matheus minutes after he trusted Christ. Later that night he sent me a message saying how happy he was. I want to say again how thankful I am to all God's people who help us to be here. From a human standpoint, your support and prayers allowed that to happen. Thank you for allowing us to be your missionaries here in Brazil.

In Christ,
The Dare Family