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"So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith." Gal 6:9-10



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A Covid Wedding

Our full-time evangelist, Rafael, began dating Cristiane, one of our members, in 2019. Early in 2020 they became engaged, and Nathan and I started pre-marital counseling with them. Of course, the corona virus meant we moved everything online, and it meant they suddenly had to rethink everything they had wanted for their wedding. Although there were only 10 people total at the wedding in person and the set-up was much simpler than they had originally planned (except, of course, for the multiple cameras being used to live-stream the ceremony), it was still very lovely and we were honored to be part of it. It was definitely a first for us in many ways- our first live-streamed Zoom wedding, our first 'masked' wedding, our first reception-less wedding, and our first wedding at 9:30 in the morning. One side note- the bride made the cake and cake topper herself and as you can see in the picture, they looked amazing! Please be in prayer for Rafael and Cristiane as they begin their life together, and that God will continue to strengthen and guide them.



Personal Bible Study

A member of the church has been reading the Bible and studying with a friend of hers named Clarice. Since the beginning of November this friend has been coming to in-person worship. In early December the two came to talk to me and said that Clarice wanted to know more about baptism. So, we scheduled a weekly study and have been doing so for three weeks.

Clarice is very interested in baptism and is eager to learn more about the Bible. Please keep her in your prayers that she might soon commit her life to the Lord.



New Intern for the Timothy Project

We are very excited to welcome Alana to the Timothy Project. Alana is a recent graduate of a two-year Bible college. She is about to begin her senior year of a Bachelor's in Education. She will be working part-time with the church in Niterói. She will be creating curriculum for a literacy program that will use scripture as the primary text. We hope to launch this program once we are allowed to confidently have in-person gatherings. She will also be helping with some projects for the children's ministry.

In December (2020) Alana got married to João, who is also a participant of the Timothy Project (he arrived in Niterói September 1st, 2020). We are excited to have her in Niterói.



Construction Permits

This month we finally were able to renew our construction permit. In our last newsletter we mentioned that we began this process at the beginning of October. The church has been exempt of paying for the renewal fee for this permit, but the city decided they wanted to charge the church for the last three years stating we should have never been exempt. We fought this decision based on a municipal law from 1998 and the city withdrew the fee. We finally received the construction permit that will be good until November 2021.


PREFEITURA NITERÓI Nº 83/2020
 URBANISMO E MOBILIDADE

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Processo: 080/004981/2014 Data do protocolo: 20/10/2014
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 Endereço: NORONHA TORREZAO, R Nº: 294 Comp:
 Quadra/Lote: / Bairro: CUBANGO
 Loteamento: Autor do Projeto: LUCIMAR DE FREITAS CAVALCANTI Responsável Técnico: RUBENS VIEIRA DOS SANTOS

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16/11/2021

Family Update

We were grateful to be able to celebrate Christmas with Nathan's parents, who live about an hour away. During the pandemic we've worked hard at staying safe-at-home so that we can have times like this with family. Summer has finally hit here in Brazil, and we are doing our best to keep cool. Thankfully this year hasn't been as hot as the last couple of years, and we have been enjoying the unexpected reprieve. We are now getting ready to start our official homeschooling adventure. Sara has been prepping the last couple of weeks, getting our space ready and making lesson plans, and the kids are looking forward to it since it means no more online video classes.



Thank You!

We want to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued financial support during this time! We know many of you may have experienced and may still be experiencing hardships due to the pandemic, and that makes us appreciate all the more your faithfulness to our work in Niterói.

If you would like to make a donation to this work, you can send a check to the following:

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ
 10900 Rodney Parham Rd.
 Little Rock, AR 72212
 Memo Line: Niterói, Brazil (or Nathan Zinck)

Prayer Requests:

- Thank you so much for praying for us and our work. The following are a few of our prayer requests:
1. For Alceu, Clarisse, Isabelle, Lilia, Pablo, Susan and Uanderson as they have expressed interest in baptism, as well as all of the students participating in the School of the Bible classes
 2. For the uncertainty that surrounds our social distancing and the possibility of infection with Covid-19, and for our continued health
 3. For our family, especially the kids, as we continue to remain at home
 4. For the health of our church members as we meet together in-person, and for continued unity among those that cannot be together
 5. That in this uncertain time we can still find ways to train leaders within the church



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