



# The Tavares Family

## Missionaries to Brazil

*"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. -Psalms 68: 19*

Prayer Letter

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### Prayer Requests

- \*Salvation of Visitors and Community
- \*Spiritual Growth of the Church
- \*Insulation Funds
- \*Health & Safety

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year has arrived with many blessings. When we think about 2016 all we can do is praise the Lord for everything that has happened to us. Although full of ups and downs the Lord has been with us through it all. We began the year on furlough until May 2016, sharing the updates of our ministry in Brazil with our supporting churches. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and spend time with our daughters Kayla and Tiffany once again.

The churches were well in our absence, and welcomed many visitors, some of whom are still attending and accepted the Lord as their Savior. More recently we held a youth conference where we saw two young men saved (Daniel and Matheus); praise the Lord!! We also held a ladies fellowship and the children's Christmas cantata which were a blessing and we know the Lord touched the hearts of those who attended.

We were extremely blessed in having Daniel from Bible Baptist Church in Vermont for 2 weeks ministering to the children of our neighborhood as "Buddy the Clown." It was a tremendous opportunity to reach more children and adults in the community and we are very grateful for his service to God! As a fruit of his visit, Vinicius and Wallace were saved and the government housing authority complex where we held a program for the children has authorized us to hold Bible study services there as well. Praise the Lord!!

We restarted the English classes after the Christmas break. We also restarted another focused evangelism course, and after each session we go out soulwinning. Please pray that we can reach more people for Christ with these ministries.

Marilza's health is much better and we thank you for the prayers on her behalf! The last couple of months of 2016 were difficult due to three deaths among our relatives within a month, The Lord is in control and we praise Him that Judith and Sergio accepted Him as their Savior during the funeral services. We ask that you would keep the families in your prayers.

It is summer in Brazil now and very hot; we are extremely thankful that the Lord provided funds through our supporting churches and friends for the insulation and cooling system for the building. We are excited for 2017 and are looking forward to what the Lord will continue to do through us as we serve Him in Brazil. Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts, cards and letters, they are always so encouraging and thoughtful. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

Under His Care,  
Paulo & Marilza Tavares  
Your Missionaries to Brazil