

# 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*

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

It is our prayer that the new year may bring all the heavenly blessings in your lives and ministries.

As we look back at 2018, we can see all the blessings that God bestowed upon our lives and ministry. Several souls were saved, and some rededicated their lives to the Lord. We also saw a tremendous spiritual growth of the young people taking on the responsibility of serving in the church as Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church, preaching at the teen meetings and being a good testimony in our community. We praise the Lord for them! Most of these youth came to our church when they were at a very young age. Now they are around 18 to 22 years old. It has been a blessing to see them growing in stature and in the knowledge of the Lord. Also, all of them are studying at the university and have jobs.

We also praise the Lord for the doors He has opened in the government housing project to reach the children and their parents with the Gospel. We had the privilege to hold the Children's Christmas Cantata. It was the first time most of them ever participated in a cantata. They did a wonderful job!! It was a great opportunity to have their parents and relatives in the service and hear the gospel! We praise the Lord for the salvation of Elisa, Rodrigo, Zilda, Adilson, Thiago, Carlos, Ágata, and Vitor. Please pray for their spiritual growth in the Lord.

In January we had the privilege of having our friend Daniel, from Vermont, visit us for his second trip to Brazil. He is a professional Clown, and used his ministry here in Brazil with the children of our church and community! It was a blessing to see him use his God-given talent to present the gospel to these children in a special way. They loved him and asked him not to go back to the US!

Please, pray for us as we will resume our English Classes next month. We already have many new students enrolled. Pray that we may use this ministry to reach those that are not yet saved.

One of our greatest ministry needs for quite a while has been for a van for the churches. We pick up and drop off all of these children and some families that are coming to church. We praise the Lord for the donations that have already come in. We still need to raise about \$13,000. We know God will provide. If you could, please pray about donating towards this need.

To God be the glory for all He has done! We ask the Lord to continue to use our lives in this new year for His honor and glory! We thank you for the many encouraging cards, letters, birthday cards and gifts for Marilza. May the Lord continue to bless you and your ministry.

Under His Care,  
Paulo and Marilza Tavares

## **Prayer Requests**

**\*Salvation of Souls**

**\*Church Van**

**\*Leaders in the Church**

**\*Safety**

**\*Health**

