



Above left: The New Wine conference in Goiânia

Above right: Jimmy speaking at Ramos de Cristo church



mother is a drug addict and he has had a turbulent upbringing. He started coming to our church through friendship with ourselves and another family who live in our complex. He gradually became more open to a relationship with God as he came along to church services and our home group and then had a significant experience with the Holy Spirit at the conference. Do please keep João in your prayers, especially for his ongoing growth in the faith.

Church life is going well; we are still in the process of trying to organise a new space, which is a financial challenge due to the high rental prices in the area. We are also exploring the possibility of buying a large marquee for church meetings and renting the land behind church as the church is growing and our Sunday service is currently full.

As a family, we have had a fair few visitors of late. At the beginning of July we hosted our new CMS regional manager, Paul Tester. Paul is new to his

role and is based in Lima, Peru, and is working his way round the different CMS mission partners in Latin America. It was lovely to spend time with him as he came to see how we were doing as a family, meet our church leadership team and learn about what God is doing here. Later in July, it was great to have Deborah and Levi Santana and their children with us. Levi preached a challenging message, speaking about their work on the streets of Goiania with the homeless, relating that to a Gethsemane experience, facing difficult situations and choosing to submit to God's will.

Gethsemane precedes crucifixion and then resurrection. It's a contrast to the often egocentric focus of the "health and wealth" gospel so prevalent here within the Brazilian context. This week, one of our home groups will also be heading out on the streets to meet with street dwellers, to take a simple snack and coffee, and to hear the stories of those living in Ingleses.

Tiago, our local partner, has recently come back from his time with YWAM (known here as JOCUM). After receiving input and training here in Florianópolis,

he spent two months between Mexico and Cuba as part of his course's outreach. He will be active in developing our outreach to teens and young adults, an integral part of a small group with the focus of planting a new congregation in the city centre near the federal university.

The youth work at the church is going well and it's been great to see young people growing in their gifts and leading worship. Several teenagers have come to faith in Jesus recently. We recently held a baby shower for a 15 year old called Bia who has been coming to our church; it's a challenging family dynamic as her mother has passed away, her father is a heavy drinker, and she has an older and a younger sister as well both living at home. However, it's been great to see how members of the church have rallied round her and her boyfriend to support them. An older couple from our church, Fernando and Miriam, have particularly been giving them a lot of support and have been invited to be the child's godparents.

At the beginning of June, Katia and I managed to get away for our first break without kids; Katia's mum came to stay with us and we headed off for a few days away in

PLEASE PRAY...

Give thanks for:

- The great things that are happening in lives through our church.
- The successful events and the impact that these have had on the lives and ministries of those who attended.

Pray for:

- More evangelistic fruit and for members of the church to grow as disciples of Jesus.
- God's leading and provision for a new worship and community space.
- Us as a family, for God's blessing and protection over us and for God's provision for us and our ministry.



Above: Photographic proof that coats, hats and scarfs are sometimes needed in Brazil!

the mountains here in the state where we live with lots of beautiful views, good walks and cooler weather. At the time of writing this letter, we are in the middle of the kids' two-week winter school holidays and are preparing for a family break in the next state down in a city called Gramado. It's a popular destination for tourists at this time of year due to it being a particularly cold region and a place where Brazilians can experience proper winter weather. We feel as though we need to recharge our batteries and there is a lot going on in church and some new areas of ministry about to start.

In other news, Joanna recently advanced a belt/rope colour at capoeira at school and has joined a new school.

We are also getting closer to our home leave and finalising dates for December and will soon be contacting supporting churches to arrange visits. We will be using that time to look ahead to the next phase of our ministry here in Florianópolis, building upon our

initial three and a half years here and wanting to be more intentional in training more leaders and church planters to start new churches within the area. As Bill Hybels, the pastor of Willow

Creek Church, has often said: "The local church is the hope of the world." It's been great see the difference that Vineyard Floripa has made in people's lives who come along and the impact it's having in the local community and we want to see that multiplied around Florianópolis.

We will also need to consolidate and raise ongoing financial support to enable us to continue ministering here. If you are already a financial supporter of ours, we want to thank you. However, if you are not a financial supporter we would love to encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting us in our ongoing ministry here. You can get in contact with us to find out how to support us through CMS or go to our direct giving page, which is: churchmissionsociety.org/rocks

Love from us all

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