



Sarah's Stories-March 2022

"Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart..."

It can be so frustrating when we have a desire we work towards to become a reality and come up against roadblocks. My desire is to see the children and teens come to know Christ, grow in their relationship and be that light in their community. Of course, Satan will fight against the expansion of God's Kingdom and uses what resources he has, whether that be people, situations, or even my own emotions. As many of you know, I am working on getting a permanent visa and my document journey has not been easy. But praise the Lord, by August I should have my updated visa which I can then work on eventually becoming a citizen. My support journey has also been a bumpy ride with various issues. I have sent along a separate newsletter with details. But praise God that He is my Provider and is working in ways that demonstrates His ways are not man's ways. We have 12 new children and teens who have difficulties respecting others and know nothing about the Bible. But praise Jesus for His power, patience and peace that can be seen at work in their lives! With all the frustrations that we are up against, it can be so easy to lose focus and become discouraged. But then I am reminded that God's mercies are new every morning and He is faithful even when I am not. Throughout my journey here in Brasil, I have seen God do the impossible and I have learned that although I am up against my flesh, the world and the devil, Jesus already won the victory! This gives me great joy and the perseverance to continue the work that the Lord has set before me! May God be glorified through all the frustrations I go through and may I grow closer to Him through it all! Thank you for faithfully showing support through your prayers and giving of finances! God is doing great things!

PRAYER AND PRAISES: Our children and teens program to continue to be used as an instrument in their lives. For our new kids and teens to come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior! For our interns to continue to stay encouraged in serving the Lord. For our new interns who are trying to come down. Wisdom for staff members and leaders making decisions about the ministry. For my heart to rest in the truth of God's Word and the person of Christ amidst the frustrations I encounter. Praising God for His undeserved goodness!

Hello to my faithful servants in ministry!

I wanted to give you all a brief update in regards to what the Lord has been doing here in Brazil, and some of the things we desire to see Him do for us in the future.

As I'm sure you already know, I am deeply involved in children's ministry (Vinde Meninos) at our Atibaia, São Paulo property. As our program has only just begun its 2022 program, we have yet to dive into the fun activities that we have planned for the year such as a Mother's Day picnic in May, a special week to celebrate our kids in October, and Camp programs starting in November.

It is very obviously my desire to see all of these activities and programs come to fruition and to take part in each and every one of them, including the ones that I haven't even mentioned. I have found such great joy in serving here in this small part of Brazil, that I know without a shadow of a doubt that this is where the Lord has me for the foreseeable future. Even though God doesn't NEED me to serve here, He has done great things in and through me that make it impossible to deny that I am meant to be here.

Since it has been made incredibly clear to me that I am to be here and continue serving in a larger capacity, I know that I will need to continue to raise support in order to stay here and do what I love. This next effort in support raising includes a requirement on my part to raise my full amount of support (totalling \$3,500) to 100%. This is certainly a God-sized goal, but I believe that being alongside you all and having the Lord on my side, it is so attainable!

I am currently at 65% of support raised which just leaves a small margin of funds left to be raised! Your endless support of me and my journey here in Brazil has been nothing short of a God-send and has helped the ministry here in more ways than you know. *I am elated with the support that I am receiving now, but due to a policy required for Word of Life missionaries, I have been asked to raise my support to 100%. If this goal is not met then I will be asked to temporarily leave the field, return to the States, and do my support raising journey there. It would break my heart to see this come to fruition since there is still so much to be done here, but the Lord expects obedience on my end, and so I will obey and abide in His word.*

By supporting missionaries like me, you are ALSO taking part in ministry yourself! If it were not for you, your prayers, and your financial interventions I would never have made it to Brazil in the first place. But it is BECAUSE of you and your obedience to God, that I am serving here today. Would you consider helping me? Help me stay in Brazil, help me continue to minister to the children and families of Atibaia, help me maintain my membership and activity in my church?

This small city and the people inside it mean the world to me and it has been the absolute honor of my life to serve them with everything that I have. It would be gut-wrenching for me to have to leave them for an unknown amount of time with no promise of coming back this year. This is why I'm humbly asking for your continued and/or increased support of me. Please continue to pray for this journey ahead and don't forget to tell your friends to support a missionary ;)

Grace and Peace to You and Yours,

Sarah Anne Gallo