

FOWLER FAMILY

Belo Horizonte - Brazil /March 2019

Hello from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Our prayer is that God is blessing each one of the hundreds who receive this letter. Every one of you is very important to our family and to the mission here. MANY great things are happening, as well as a few setbacks.

BAPTISMS

Several souls were baptized into Christ since our last report:



Márcia



Shirley



Isaías



Sr. João



José Roberto



Isabel tarabay

FAMILY MINISTRY

We are very involved in the Family ministry at the Central church and all around greater Belo Horizonte. We are often called to other states around Brazil as well to teach and counsel.

Eddison celebrates wedding



Eddison Teaching Couples' Class



2nd & 3rd generation 'children'



Elders pray for couples



OTHER MINISTRIES

PRAYER GROUP





YOUTH MEETING AT THE CHURCH CAMP





NATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL

SPECIAL EVANGELISM COURSE



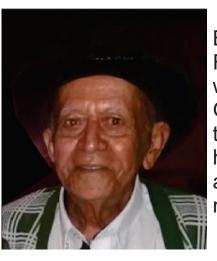
MISSIONS

WORSHIP IN SETE LAGOAS



WORSHIP IN IPATINGA





Brother José Ferreira de Morais (Dedé) passed away on February 19, 2019, at 87 years of age. As far as we know, he was the first convert to the Lord's church in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. He was baptized in São Paulo while he worked there, then returned to Belo Horizonte. He received and helped the first missionaries in Belo Horizonte to get settled in and start their work in 1967-1968. Today many of his family members are mainstays in the church. Praise God for his life!

HEALTH

LaJuana has been suffering from a pinched nerve in her back for a long time, but refused to see a doctor until it became so painful that she could no longer control the pain with medicines and be able to function more or less well. She had surgery on March 21 to correct that problem and others that would give difficulties soon. It was difficult to see her in such pain and having so much difficulty getting around. Praise God for the many sisters who are donating their time to help her around the house. GOD AND HIS CHILDREN ARE GREAT!!!

Eddison has been trying for months to schedule surgery to implant a nerve stimulator in his back, which would stimulate the nerves that were damaged during his herniated disk surgery on May 4, 2015. The surgeons were forced at that time to scrape the nerves for hours between disks L4 and L5 in order to clean the hernia that had blown to the middle of the spine and had been calcified to them for some time. This damaged the nerves, but was absolutely necessary. The surgeons and therapists continue to do everything they can to help him return to walking normally, but unfortunately during these almost four years "normal" has not happened. They are surprised to see how well he has progressed however, because after that surgery he was almost completely paralyzed in all bodily functions in his midsection and feet, which were the areas controlled by those nerves.

He suffered a fall back in December of 2015 and cracked his femur next to the femoral head, which is the ball that joins it to the hip. He continued rehab but was still having difficulty with nerve and muscle control because of the nerve damage during the first surgery in 2015. Unfortunately he suffered another fall in January of 2019, falling on the same leg he cracked three years ago, and this time he severely fractured the femur in the middle of the thigh. A gamma nail was inserted/nailed into the full extent of the femur and secured by pins. See the procedure here: https://www.reconstructiveortho.com/patient-resources/education/femur-fracture-fixation-stryker%C2%AE-gamma-nail

He has graduated from the walker to crutches. He has to be EXTREMELY careful to maintain his balance, and he cannot put much weight on the broken leg yet. When he does, it lets him know immediately that it is not well. The pain is diminishing continually, but his feet have throbbed with pain since his first surgery and continue to do so. Lord willing, the nerve stimulator implant will give him greater control and reduce or eliminate the pain. Thank the Lord that he is improving continually, and thank Him and Lashonda for her being here to do EVERYTHING that we need done!

Thank each one of you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial and other help. God blesses and sustains our lives and the work here through you. We LOVE you and pray His blessings upon you! May He bless you and give you peace.

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