

Greetings from Brazil in the wonderful Name of Jesus. We pray that you are well and enjoying the peace that He gives. In these troubled times, He is a Rock and Refuge for those who trust in Him.

My ministry activities have been pretty routine for me. I help some at our WEC base, serve some at what is called the Nucleo, a ministry of Cidade Refugio for those with addiction problems, and give English lessons to some missionaries and their children of Youth With a Mission. Part of what I see as my ministry is that of encouragement. I get together with a friend who serves with World Vision pretty much every week for fellowship. His job is very stressful as he handles international problems, so just taking a break for coffee or going on a hike together is a blessing he says.

Actually, the last few months have been a very difficult journey for me, mostly due to dental treatment that began January 19th. I won't go into all the details, but the journey continues. There has been lots of pain, lots of meds, nights of little or no sleep, infection, etc. Yet the Lord is faithful. I am grateful for the many friends who pray for me. And the Lord uses it all for good. In my situation, it has helped me to remember to pray for those I know who are facing health issues and long trials. The Lord truly comforts us in our afflictions.

Marta and Jac are doing okay. Both were employed at schools that didn't work out. Marta was employed at a nearby school, but what she had to do was nothing like the job description she was given. It was also physically demanding for her age. Jac, on the other hand, was kind of asked to quit. A couple of parents didn't like that she was so young looking and inexperienced. The school director didn't support her, so it was better she left. I was sort of glad as Jac doesn't handle well so much stress. So, Marta and Jac are both looking for a position, and we believe the Lord will open the right door. Schools always have openings here.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support. I look forward to seeing friends and family while in the States May 15 – June 28.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rich, Marta, and Jac Hoadley
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Attached Photo: Jac is learning to braid hair at a night course. This is very popular here.

