



Jonathan and Tamba Abel - Maringa, Brazil

# TIME JOURNAL

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Dear Friends,

Good news is always welcome these days and we would like to share some from our work here in Maringá! God has blessed our church with some new families - fruit of prayers and kids' programs that we have. One single mother brought her two boys to our kids' club and they heard about our kids' camp, so their mother took them to it. They have been coming to church ever since and learning about Jesus. The mother also is coming and participating - a brand new Christian who is hungry for God and for seeing her boys on the same path. The excitement is contagious. Another boy also went to our camp and his mother has also joined our church family, bringing her baby and husband. Both families are very active in everything at church!

In May, our women started meeting on a weekly basis to study the WMF Bible Study by Linda Korhonen - something we had never been able to do because of work schedules. Even while we were gone on furlough they were coming regularly. Now every Wednesday I pick up 3-4 women and drive across town to meet at church with them. It has been a time for real bonding, sharing and spiritual growth. We have been very united in planning for church events.



Women's Bible Study

One of these events was the Children's Day Program. Like last year, we decided to rent inflatable toys, two large trampolines, and tents to have our activities in front of the church.



Children's Day Activities

During the whole Saturday afternoon we had different activities going on (free of charge): picture painting, facial paints, color crayon pages, snacks (cotton candy, mini hotdogs, popcorn, popsicles and juice). We also had Christian kids' music playing. At the end there were door prizes. Signing up for door prizes is a way to connect with families. All in all with children and parents we had around 300 people who stayed from 2pm to 6 pm. Doing this program every year has been a tool to connect with the neighborhood around us and show the love of God.

Thank you for being our partners in prayer and financial support!!!

God bless you all,  
Jonathan and Tamba

### Prayer Request:

- That God would bless our financial and prayer supporters to help us meet our needs.
- Pray for the new families: Gilce and her two boys, Eloá and her family
- For the end of year programs (Christmas, New Year).
- In January - February we have 3 Bible camps planned: children's, teens' and families'
- Pray for our congregation members, Lucia who is starting a new series of chemo treatments for her pancreas and Cida for her cancer treatments too.
- Pray for the staff and for those that will be attending, for lives to be transformed for Jesus.
- For next year as Jonathan teaches again at Seminary (beginning in March)



Gifts can be given online or sent to:

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