



December 2024 *Merry Christmas* from the Lee Family!!

And a festive season to you as we honor & worship *Emmanuel* - God with us
 We are on **SUMMER break** at SETELL, our Free Lutheran Seminary in Brazil
 (southern hemisphere is opposite: hot & rainy). Hannah & I hosted a
 simple **Thanksgiving**-potluck-**churrasco**-goodbye at our Free Lutheran Seminary in
 Brazil (pronounced: **shoe**-hah-scoo). Our seminarians led worship and shared
 testimonies **about what God had done in their lives** from the past school year, and
 professors prayed **for our students & school**, especially for GianLuca who
 graduated this year. We are looking forward **to what the Lord will do** with his life.
 Oh and Bethany got to bake her **first** apple pie!

Pray! Our Seminary school
 year is over and what
 a *challenging* year it was!

A year filled with **prayer**, a
 year filled with a longing
 for **unity**, a year filled
 with **health challenges** (for me
 and other professors).

We are grateful to the Lord for
 blessing our year - Hannah
 continues to care for my health
 & homeschool our children.
 She keeps busy!



John and 4 kids celebrating at our local church,
 Central while Hannah and 2 kids were in Kansas
 celebrating the marriage of Hannah's sister.

After traveling in the USA for the first semester, **my focus was on discipling seminarians**

Greek is intimidating! This semester my **seniors** learned to read & write the Greek alphabet and to manipulate basic vocabulary into different forms. My goal is to open up the world of technical commentaries & word studies to them. Luan's brother, Jean, (a graduate of our school) even requested a distance course after he heard all about it from his brother! Luan is on track to graduate in 2025. **It is amazing to see how God has used these two brothers to serve him!**

This semester, I worked closely with two seniors, Gian & Luan, mentoring them in the afternoons during our Free Lutheran Publishing time (DRELL).

For the **Bible Schoolers**, we sat together to study the **Prison Epistles** (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) and the humiliation that Paul went through, that the congregations and individuals felt, and that Jesus chose, and then for our students to learn the importance of servant leadership - choosing humility and putting the interests of others first.

And all the doctrines connected with this humiliation: the congregation, faith, our vocations, the states of Christ, predestination, spiritual gifts, spiritual warfare, etc... And how to deal with the textual and historical issues. It is fun to see students come to and wrestle with teachings that are so contrary to our way of thinking

Photo Below (left to right): Pastors Earl (World Mission Director), Patricio (colloquy candidate from Chile), John (Missionary to Brazil) & Fernando (professor & national pastor), Matthew (Missionary to Paraguay)



God Bless,
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