

The Owsley Chronicles - July 2021

Dear Praying Friends,

We continue to be amazed at how God is working in spite of pandemic limitations. As you probably know, the coronavirus is still raging in many parts of Latin America and Brazil is no exception. Schools are mostly closed. Social distancing and mask wearing are still required. YET we continue to be blessed with many opportunities for ministry.

Building Relationships During Lockdown

Being stuck at home has had its advantages since we've been able to build friendships with several of the workers in our apartment building. Dan asked permission from our building manager, to meet with them for a weekly devotional and prayer time. Sidney not only gave permission, but gave us the use of the large, airy living room that is part of the building's shared public space. He, himself, attends these weekly meetings along with three custodians and an elderly resident. It brings us great joy to introduce these friends to God's Word, especially to those who have never read it before. Dan started a study on Ruth recently and Eliza is asking many questions. Her sister's cleaning lady "just happens" to be a Christian and heard about Eliza's new-found interest; she promptly gave her a book to help her understand what she is learning. (photo) We praise God for how He is drawing these dear friends to Himself.



FM Seminary Continues to Expand

We have written before about how our seminary enrollment has grown during the pandemic. Hope just completed another module of Theology of John Wesley and was thrilled with the number of students (over fifty of them) and **their desire to grow in knowledge and faith**. One student wrote at the end of the semester: "You'll never know how gratifying it was to be in this class. Studying Wesley's sermons drew me closer to Christ. Every assignment spoke to my heart." Music to a teacher's ears! Please click [here](#) to read more stories of our record-breaking year at the Free Methodist seminary.



One of the teachers is Free Methodist pastor, Marlon Marques, who is a gifted writer and speaker. He has published several books about Wesleyan theology and recently received a scholarship to study in a masters program at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. The classes will be online and in English so **please pray for him to have good understanding. Ask the Lord to use Marlon to strengthen the Church through his speaking and writing.**

So Much to Be Thankful For!

In addition to acting as academic coordinator at the FM seminary, Dan continues to teach and preach. Hope is thrilled to be teaching inductive Bible study and is also involved in developing a [Sunday school curriculum](#) that will be used in Free Methodist churches throughout Latin American.

Thank you for your prayers and sacrificial [giving](#) that make all this possible.

For His glory and our joy, *Hope and Dan*



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