

Prayer Letter July 2026 31/07/26

Dear Friends,

Firstly, we want to thank everyone who prays for us. We are so grateful and know that your prayers make such a huge difference in our lives and ministry. We are coming to the end of our summer break as school starts again next week! We have all had times of rest, retreat, and family time. It has been a very precious time for all of us and God has been healing, restoring and refilling us for the next season. We are so grateful for this time to reflect on our lives and ministry, and we have been through some pruning! To have time and space to develop the main ministries God placed on our heart, we have decided to let go of some things. We have been leading the home group in our house for a couple of years. During this time, we have been preparing a couple who have been with us from the beginning to lead. God made it clear it was time to pass on the leadership to this couple and the home group has taken on a new lease of life and attracting new members in its new location.

Pr. Marcus also suggested we hand the leadership of the English Service to a young Brazilian couple who speak English, have a heart for mission and have been with us from the beginning. We will be overseeing and supporting them as they take on the leadership. It is good to know that it is in excellent hands and that the service will continue to grow and develop. Many people ask us to teach English, and we are praying about this.

Coming into this new season, Sarah's focus is Dança Água Viva with the kids, adolescents and older adults at IBAL, providing discipleship through the arts and a safe place to encounter God's love, healing and power through dance. When Sophie and Ana go back to school, Sarah plans to go back to the book she is writing about this therapeutic dance ministry. Sarah also loves being part of the Intercession team. They understand the power of interceding with flags.

Daniel's focus is fund-raising for the church project CDI Renascer and he is serving in two important public roles. On the CMAS (Municipal Council of Social Assistance) he is the full representative for CDI Renascer for the 2025-2027 term. This council oversees and helps shape social assistance policies in the municipality. It monitors how public resources are used, evaluates social programs, and helps ensure services meet the needs of the city. This means he has the responsibility to attend meetings, participate in discussions and vote on decisions affecting social assistance in Abreu e Lima. He also serves as a counsellor on COMDICA (Municipal Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents). This council develops and oversees policies that protect children and teenagers, approves projects, supervises organizations that work with children and helps manage funding for children's services. The council help ensure that the needs of vulnerable families, children and adolescents are considered in municipal decision-making.

It is a significant opportunity for Daniel to influence how social assistance and child protection are carried out in Abreu e Lima. Daniel is currently helping projects to work

towards getting CEBAS (the most prestigious certification for charities working in social assistance). It provides tax benefits and can strengthen the organizations credibility when applying for grants and partnerships.

IBAL have adopted another Compassion project in a poor town in the interior of Pernambuco that had to close. IBAL was asked to step in to save the project. This has provided a place for at-risk children and their families to experience God's love. Initially they are receiving emotional and spiritual support, as well as help with education and life skills. In the last six months, CDI Renascer has multiplied! There are now over 600 children and adolescents in our two projects.

Sarah and Daniel also continue to support the Youth Pastors and the React movement, evangelism and local mission. There is a growing youth ministry, and our focus is using our gifts to support and disciple young men and women of God and take the love of God out to the streets. We will be serving at the end of August in a youth retreat called DEEP.

Sarah is on the committee shaping the CMS South American Regional conference in January 2027 in Bolivia, and Sarah and Daniel are hoping to come back to the UK to visit our supporting churches in July 2027. Pr. Marcus has shown interest to come with us so please do be praying for that and for God's provision.

Sophie and Ana return to school next week. They have had a wonderful holiday. They have built strong friendships with the youth at church, and it is wonderful seeing them grow and flourish. Sophie is co-leading a small group now and Ana leads the group in worship on the guitar. Ana also has a real talent in ballet and God has led us to an excellent ballet class very near to where we live which has been an answer to prayer.

Prayer points:

Please pray:

- For God's protection.
- For the new leaders of the English service, Leticia and Caio and for our involvement in the ministry. Especially about whether we start English classes.
- For Daniel who is going on a men's retreat next weekend.
- For Sarah to get back into writing the book on Dança Água Viva.
- For Sophie and Ana as they go back to school and to the early starts and tiring routine.
- For Sophie as she leads the teenage small group.
- For Daniel and the team to do whatever is needed to get CEBAS.
- For our trip to the UK next summer and whether Pr. Marcus and his wife Kelly comes with us.
- For whether we go to Bolivia for the conference and whether Pr. Marcus comes too.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. God bless you!

Love Sarah, Daniel, Sophie and Ana