

Jonathan, Beth,
Miriam & Jonah **TODD**

MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL



100 Years of Church of God History

In April, I (Jonathan) had the great honor of visiting two very special Church of God congregations in Brazil. At the beginning of the month, I traveled with five seminary students and a few others to visit the newest congregation in Brazil. It is in the city of Apui, located in the interior of the Amazon Rainforest. It is a 14-hour-long drive in good road conditions along a dirt road. Those five students will be there through the beginning of July to help plant that new congregation. It was exciting to explore the community with them and hear some of their ideas for ministry. They held their first children's programming on Easter weekend and had more than 60 kids in attendance as well as a few parents.



Seminary student Karol teaching a group of children in Apui



Students from the Church of God seminary in southern Brazil posing in front of the first Church of God in Brazil

Later in April, I traveled to the Brazilian state of Santa Catarina in southern Brazil to celebrate the

100-year anniversary of the Nova Esperança (New Hope) Church of God. The service was held at 9:00am on Sunday, April 24. That was 100 years to the day after the first service was held, which was Easter Sunday on April 24, 1924. It was a wonderful time of celebration with the very first Church of God congregation in Brazil. That next weekend, I had the honor of participating in a regional convention in the neighboring state. I was able to visit eleven different congregations, visit four church schools, and meet pastors from every Church of God congregation in the state. I praise the Lord for the opportunities he has given to connect with our brothers and sisters in other parts of Brazil.

Church of God Convention in Tampa

On May 31, we will begin traveling to the US, where we will spend the month of June. The primary reason for the trip is to participate in meetings with other missionaries as well as the Church of God convention. We are grateful that we will also be able to visit family for a few days. God also opened the door to allow us to schedule a visit for Jonah with his cardiologist in the US just to check and see how his heart is doing.

We will be present for the entire convention and will also be staying for the Global Church of God Alliance meeting. If you are planning to be in Tampa, we would love to say hi. You can contact Jonathan through WhatsApp or SMS at 1-859-904-9566. That is a US-based number.



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