



Prayer and Praise – May 08, 2024

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1 (KJV)

Brazil: Heavy rains in the southern Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul killed 39 people and 68 others are still missing. The unprecedented flood devastated cities and forced thousands of people to flee their homes. Flooding across the state has exceeded that seen during a historic deluge in 1941, according to the Brazilian Geological Survey. In some cities, water levels reached their highest since records began nearly 150 years ago. Last Thursday, a dam at a hydroelectric plant between the cities of Bento Goncalves and Cotipora partially collapsed and entire cities in the Taquari River valley, such as Lajeado and Estrela, were completely flooded by water. In the town of Feliz, 50 miles (80 kilometers) from the state capital, Porto Alegre, a massively swollen river washed away a bridge that connected to the neighboring city of Linha Nova.



Electricity, communication channels and water has been cut across the state. According to the civil defense agency, more than 24,000 people had to leave their homes. Without internet, phone service or electricity, residents struggled to provide updates or information to family members living in other states. Helicopters continually flew over the cities as stranded families with children waited to be rescued on rooftops.

Our Open Bible Church in **Porto Alegre** was also flooded and the street at the corner of the church was heavily damaged and it unpassable. We praise the Lord that our Field Director, Vinicius Marcos and his family are safe and their home wasn't flooded. The Open Bible congregation there is working in the city shelters to assist the needy and displaced. However, the church remains flooded and they can't begin the clean up process because there is no water. Please pray for all the people affected by this horrible flooding and for our Open Bible family there.

If you would like to make a donation to help you can send a check to:

Open Bible – Global Missions
2020 Bell Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50315

Write in the memo/note: Porto Alegre Relief.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Tijuana, Mexico: Global Missions Executive Director Vince McCarty is visiting the Puente de Amistad base this week to conduct strategic planning meetings with the Directors Travis and Heather Hunsaker and Missionaries Justus and Michaela Morgan. Pray for the Lord's guidance and direction for these meetings.

Sierra Leone: Field Director Milton Godwins shared: "We thank God Almighty for the eight months of preparation of these students to attend the National Primary School Exam (NPSE). They were among a total of 165,186 students nationwide who also took the exams on Saturday, May 4, 2024.



"This year we sent 83 students from Open Bible Congo Town and 23 from Open Bible Lesceiter Road. Our prayer is that when the results come in in July, everyone will be very successful and take them to their different high schools.

"Please pray that God will provide provision to build and start a Christian high school. We thank you all for your prayers."

El Salvador: Field Director Angel Diaz praises God and thanks everyone who joined in prayer for his health. On Saturday, May 4, he underwent surgery for an unmentioned medical condition. Please pray for his quick recovery as it is a very painful recovery. Their son Luis, who we have been praying for, underwent medical tests on May 3 and has a follow-up appointment scheduled for July 4. Please pray for God's touch and a miracle on Luis's leg.



England: Field Directors Emerald and Joseph Stephenson praise God for the street ministry they had this past weekend. They not only share the Word of God but also feed people and give them clothing when available. Please pray for the team that God will continue to open doors, touch hearts and win souls for Christ through this ministry as they continue to help many people in great need.



Global Harvest offering for 2024, is to help Acropolis Medical Centre in Trinidad. Please partner with us to help purchase special medical equipment. This will help save lives physically and spiritually. To find out more and learn how you can participate in this special offering, go to: www.openbible.org/LetYourLightShine.

