



# BORBAS' SUMMER 2018 REPORT

*THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES IN ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THEN TEACH THESE NEW DISCIPLES TO OBEY ALL THE COMMANDS I HAVE GIVEN YOU; AND BE SURE OF THIS—THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE WORLD.”*

MATTHEW 28:19-20 (TLB)

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How are you?

THANK YOU SO MUCH for partnering with us this summer. Our time in Brazil was absolutely amazing and we couldn't be more pleased with the outcomes of this trip. God is so good and we feel happy for being used as an instrument in His hands while we were in southern Brazil for the past 2,5 months! Please follow the text below and check the pictures as well!

### **FOZ DO IGUAÇU (BRAZIL & ARGENTINA) + PARAGUAY:**

After spending a couple of days in Texas with church friends, we finally took off to Brazil from Dallas on May 27. Tati, Seth, and I flew together to Sao Paulo. Rebecca and Jessalyn flew from Chicago and had a connection in Panama. We met at the airport in Sao Paulo the next morning and we then had our connection together to Foz do Iguacu.

We arrived in Brazil right in the midst of several riots and strikes. Truck drivers were protesting against the high price of fuels which made it extremely hard for them to transport their cargo across the country. The strikes caused a halt in the distribution of fuel and goods which, in Brazil, are mainly transported by the truck drivers. Several airports were closing down because of the lack of fuel, however, the international airport in Sao Paulo is supplied via underground ducts and was not affected. In a similar way, because Foz do Iguacu borders Argentina and Paraguay, the city was supplied by fuel brought from these two countries. All in all, we were not affected in any way! The Lord is good!

We arrived in Foz do Iguacu early afternoon and took a shuttle to our Airbnb. We rested for a couple of hours and went out to explore the neighborhood around. We went grocery shopping for the week and had tapioca crepes for dinner.

Tuesday and Wednesday were dedicated to exploring the city and seeing God's amazing nature in the region. We were blessed to have the chance to see the awesomely beautiful Iguacu falls, both from the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides.

Wednesday night we visited with Peter Lowenberg Neto and his beautiful family. They are one of the Christian families that live in Foz do Iguacu and meet regularly in a house church in their home.

On Thursday, we got to cross the border to Ciudad del Este, in Paraguay. It was a day of walking around the city and doing some shopping. At the end of that day we went on a boat ride on the Parana River and got to see the triple boarder between Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

On Friday, we visited the Itaipú Hydroelectric Dam, the largest dam in the world (by energy production). At the end of the day, we finished packing and headed to the bus station.

We took an overnight bus to Florianopolis.



## OUR RESEARCH AND OVERALL IMPRESSIONS OF THE CITY:

One of our main goals with this 5-day trip, was to get to know the city and the house church that meets there. Foz do Iguacu is a very nice touristic city. It has a large population (over 300 thousand inhabitants). Both Tati and I had good first impressions and believe it would be a good place to live.

We had several conversations with our taxi driver and other people we met, and they all said it's a good, calm and safe place. The cost of living doesn't seem to be very high, for Brazilian standards, and the fact that the city borders Paraguay makes it easier to go across the boarder and buy cheaper goods there. The city has a large number of university students and that is something that would be very appropriate for evangelist approaches (such as Let's Start Talking).

Our meeting with Peter and his wife was very inspiring too. The house church in Foz do Iguacu seems to be really excited and open to the coming of missionaries. Also, the fact that there's already a group of Christians in the city is definitely something positive.



Foz do Iguacu International Airport



Parana River



The Falls

## Where three countries meet



With the Lowenbergs



Paraguay

## The house church in Foz



## Itaipu Dam





## MISSION TRIP IN FLORIANOPOLIS:

After a 13-hour bus trip we finally arrived in Florianopolis! We were met at the bus station by Alex Soares, the church's evangelist. He took us to the church building, which became our home for the month of June. The church building is a large, fully functional 3-story house. The congregation meets in the garage downstairs and the rest of the house serves as classrooms, and bedrooms for visitors.

The first few days were devoted to getting to know the city and the congregation. The church in Florianopolis consists of a small group, about 40 members or so. Everybody was very happy and eager to meet us on Sunday during the worship service.

Our weekly work schedule was Tuesday through Saturday and we had Sundays and Mondays as our days-off.

On Monday night (June 4) we had our information meeting with church and readers. It was a nice time in which we could explain about the program and also meet some of our readers and right off the bat, we had 40 people who had signed up! We started the lessons on Tuesday (June 5).

In the course of the very first days we already had over 45 readers (the limit is 15 readers per missionary). We soon started a waiting list and both Tati and I had to step in and take over some of the readers.

Tati put together a group for real beginners, people whose level of English was too basic to carry out a conversation entirely in English. Tati taught these people some basic English lessons and Alex invited them to have a one-on-one Bible study in Portuguese.

The many readers had daily or weekly one-on-one lessons from the book of Luke with Seth, Rebecca and Jessalyn.

Saturday evenings were devoted to get-together parties. These parties served as a way to integrate the readers (as well as their families and friends) with the local church. Each party was centered around a theme which illustrated the American culture with food, music and games. Seth organized the first party which was based on camping. Tati and Maikon were responsible for the second Saturday. Because Brazilians celebrate Valentine's Day in June, we put together an American Valentine's Day dinner party! Our last Saturday party was planned and hosted by Rebecca and Jessalyn. Their theme was Hollywood and sports! All the parties were a hit and we had amazing turnouts!

On our days-off we had the chance to spend time with church members during the church service as well as visits in their homes. We also got to explore the beautiful island of Florianopolis and neighboring towns.

The weekdays were full as we were very busy with our many readers. At the end of each day we were tired but also happy and feeling blessed for the opportunities to share Jesus with so many people.



Our team



Seth only got to be with us in Florianopolis for the first two weeks. He then traveled to Thailand, where he spent six weeks on an internship. After he left, Maikon and the girls took over his readers.

One of our goals with this mission trip was to also encourage the church in Florianopolis. We had great conversations with Alex and got to hear him talk about the nice job he has been doing with the congregation. We got to share with them our faith journeys and personal testimonies and Seth even got to preach once! On Sundays, for Bible school, Maikon taught the Discovery Bible Study method to the brethren.

The time went by really fast and when we saw, it was about time to leave! On our last Friday in Florianopolis, the readers and the church organized a farewell party to us. It was a very emotional time.

Saturday (June 30) was our last day. In the afternoon, while we drove Jessalyn and Rebecca to the airport so they could fly back to the USA, Tati led a Bible study for the ladies of the church. In the evening, Alex took us to the bus station so we could travel to our hometown.



**The church building**



**The beautiful Florianopolis**



**Alex Soares,  
our missionary host**



**Meeting the congregation**



**Seth preaching**



**Ladies Bible Class**





## The natural beauty of Floripa



Good food  
and  
authentic  
Brazilian  
barbecue!



## Visiting the UFSC campus



## Learning about nature



## Visit to a language school



We enjoyed the World Cup



## Trip to Joinville



## Service project



Any time was a  
good time for a  
nap!







**The great reason  
for our mission  
trip: the readers!**  
**(And these are  
just a few of  
them...)**





**The get-together parties were moments of love, fellowship and fun with readers and church members!**





## RIO GRANDE DO SUL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

After almost two whole years, we finally arrived in Novo Hamburgo, our hometown, on July 1. We got to the bus station very early morning (around 5 AM) and were greeted by Tati's family! They took us to Tati's parents' apartment where we all ate breakfast together. We got to visit and share lots of hugs and kisses with each other. Later that day, we ate lunch together with the addition of some friends and neighbors. In the afternoon, we had tea and cake at Maikon's sister's house. His 93-year-old grandmother was there!

During the 5 weeks that we were in our home state we got to spend good quality time with our families and friends, which was very needed. We had many people over at Tati's parents and we also were invited to several people's homes.

In Rio Grande do Sul, we helped with our home church in Novo Hamburgo and also with the missionary work led by the church from Daingerfield, Texas. With our home congregation Maikon taught the Discovery Bible Study method to the brethren and also a series of lessons on preaching and sermon crafting to the leader men on Wednesday evenings. He even got to preach on our last Sunday in Brazil.

The group from Daingerfield visits the churches in Southern Brazil every two years. They are the church that sponsored the missionary Mark White in Porto Alegre (our state capital) for over 12 years and they are also one of our main sponsors. When they are in Brazil they do a list of activities which include: VBS for the kids, visits to orphanages and nursing homes, and choir presentations in the local congregations. This year, the group also donated and helped paint and turn in a house to Vanda, one of our church sisters. Vanda is a poor woman whose old house was in serious danger of collapsing.

During the Daingerfield visit to our home church in Novo Hamburgo, we had a very special treat. Lucas Klein, a former LST reader who had been studying the Bible and attending church in Novo Hamburgo, decided to be baptized. We got to witness this special moment with him and the whole church. Many people that were visiting also got to see this and be inspired by Lucas' testimony of faith and commitment to the Lord. We even had a reporter from the local newspaper who wrote a very nice article about the church and the event that took place that night.

On Saturday, August 4, Maikon's nephew graduated from college. He majored in business administration from the Universidade do Rio dos Sinos (UNISINOS). We got to go to both the graduation ceremony as well as the reception and it was another great opportunity to be together with family.

In what felt like the blink of an eye, August 8 came and it was time to leave Brazil one more time. Many friends and family members went to the airport with us so that we could say our final goodbyes. We feel extremely blessed to be able to say that we were leaving home to go home!



We got back to the USA in the morning of Thursday, August 9. We spent a day in Dallas with our beloved American families, the Cubsteads and the Esparzas. On Friday, August 10, we finally drove back to Arkansas and arrived in Searcy in the evening.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for helping us go on this trip to Brazil. We were blessed to be able to serve with the churches in Florianopolis and in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. Also, and very importantly, being able to see family and friends again after two years surely was invigorating to us! We fell as if we have fully recharged our batteries for the remaining two years that we have at Harding University! WE LOVE YOU!

In Jesus,  
Maikon and Tati Borba

## FAMILY TIME!







## Friends and church family



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### FÉ SEM FRONTEIRAS



Coral dos Estados Unidos visita igreja no bairro Canudos, transmite louvores e promove solidariedade em municípios da região

### ELEIÇÕES 2018

ROBAINA (PSOL)



"TEMOS QUE PAGAR OS SERVIDORES PÚBLICOS EM PRIMEIRO LUGAR"

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"VOU PRESIDIR PARA CORRER O QUE A UNIÃO DEVE AO RIO GRANDE DO SUL"

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### EMPREGO REGISTRA QUEDA EM NOVO HAMBURGO NO 1º SEMESTRE

Caged aponta saldo negativo de 262 vagas no período; em junho, todos os setores demitiram mais do que contrataram na cidade



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### Coral norte-americano promove louvor e solidariedade em Novo Hamburgo

Grupo vindo do Texas participou de culto, entregou casa e visitou entidades da região

#### Atividades sociais

Além da música, o grupo também realizou atividades sociais, e esteve em entidades da região, como o Lar São Vicente de Paulo e o Lar de Maria. Outros atos foram realizados, a exemplo de uma nova casa a uma família em estado de vulnerabilidade, também no âmbito da igreja, e que sempre recebe a todos. O grupo também realizou e ajudou na manutenção da igreja, que, segundo eles, era simples.

"Foi trabalho social importante, pois temos esta consciência de abrir as portas para todos", conta Melissa Bocha, também membro do grupo de Cristo, brasileiro que mora nos Estados Unidos, e está de passagem por Novo Hamburgo. "Nossos convidados tiveram muita alegria, visto o caloroso. Eles se tornaram muito amigos de nós", afirma.

A agendação de Melissa aos Estados Unidos, onde ela estuda, tem um propósito: visitar a partir de uma festa de estado e convidar para mais da igreja, faz com que ela se torne um dos responsáveis por outro projeto envolvendo estudantes no Brasil: o Let's Start Talking (LST).

Não-estudantes vêm ao país para a igreja e a igreja também, portanto, a partir de boas intenções. O jornal Canudos continua a ser o ponto de encontro de 17 de julho de 2018. A agendação de Melissa aos Estados Unidos é anual, marcando-se no Brasil por pessoas vindas dos Estados Unidos.

Angel e Arangel Frasier, mãe e filha, respectivamente, afirmam que o que mais chamou a atenção delas é, sem dúvida, a diferença entre os ritmos, além da hospitalidade dos brasileiros. E a primeira vez que muitas vêm a Novo Hamburgo. "As pessoas, sem dúvida, são muito simpáticas, é possível sentir este calor humano", afirma Angel.

#### Batismo

O culto especial também teve o batismo de representante comunitário brasileiro, Lucas Francisco Klein. O ato foi conduzido por Lucas Pereira, também membro do grupo. "Sempre que Deus está dentro de nós", afirma Klein ao pregar, ao longo dos batismos e do batismo.

Angel Frasier lembra que, em sua vida, também serve de conselheiro. "Vemos de tão longe, mas é muito bonito ver, ver que nossa fé não tem fronteiras, é a mesma aqui e lá. Nos unimos como uma só família", afirma.



Grupo de Damarfeld se apresenta na quarta-feira (25)



Melissa Bocha

Angel e Arangel Frasier vieram pela primeira vez

