



# Borbas' Report

## August - September 2018

*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*  
Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

Dear sponsors and supporters!  
How are you?

We have enjoyed being back in Arkansas for Maikon's second half at Harding University. These first two months have been great after spending such a good time in Brazil. Classes are good, and we are happy to be able to continue serving our church family at Cloverdale.

As you saw in our email message last month, we have launched our online blog: <http://borbasmissionexperience.missionsplace.com>

We have been updating it regularly, so please make sure you drop by every now and then to keep up with what we are doing. Remember that you can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Our report will now be sent out every two months.

## **HARDING & CLASSES**

- Both Maikon and Tati have been enjoying their classes. Maikon is taking a lighter schedule this semester after three consecutive semesters of Greek, hehehe! This fall he is taking: Church History, Living World Religions, New Testament Seminar (Hebrews & 1 Peter), and Strategy of Missions. He is also auditing Greek 3 as a way to keep up with it during the semester. If Greek 4 is offered in the Spring 2019 semester, he will probably take it. Tati is taking World Christian online.
- Maikon has 5 new classmates in the BMIN Program. Their names are: Jay Beamon, Larry Sanchez, Holden Dunn, Monte Davis, and Anthony Best.
- Saturday (August 18) we had our welcome (back) party. It was very nice seeing everyone again and meeting the new students and their families.
- Deborah White (Mark and Juaneylla White's older daughter) started as a freshman at Harding this fall. We've known Deborah from southern Brazil, since she was 8 years old. Her major is currently undeclared, but she intends to become a nurse practitioner.
- Harding University's Multicultural Student Center invited Maikon to share a little about Brazil for the Hispanic/Latino Month in September. You can check his photo and comments at: <https://www.facebook.com/HardingMSAC/>

- We are participating in Harding's Adopt a Chinese Student Program. We adopted a sweet 18-year-old girl named Rosalind. We have enjoyed meeting and getting to know more about her. The main purpose of the program is to integrate the Chinese student with church and the American culture. We have had Rosalind over a couple of times and she's been to church with us once.
- Maikon was chosen as a chapel team leader again this year. September 10-14 was the first chapel week that Maikon and his classmates organized. The theme they chose was "God's Providence in Times of Transition."
- August 31 (Friday) was the Bible Majors' Retreat at Harding University Tahkodah. We had a great speaker, Chris Altrack, who spoke on Spiritual Growth.
- On September 20 (Thursday) Maikon attended a preachers' seminar at Ouachita Baptist University, in Arkadelphia, AR. The lectures were on the seven letters to the churches (Revelation 1-3) and were led by authors Scott Duvall and Marvin Pate.

## **CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP**

- We are so happy to be back helping with the youth group. We really missed "our" teens over the summer!
- Maikon is busy helping the youth minister in the office and with classes on Wednesday.
- This semester, Maikon is teaching the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday Morning. They are studying the book of Acts.
- On Sunday (August 19) the youth group attended a back to school bash at Highway CoC, in Judsonia, Arkansas. It was a lot of fun!
- Micah Bond, one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, was baptized on September 2. Welcome to the family, Micah!
- Tati is teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Sunday morning. They are studying the parables of Jesus.
- We have joined a new small group after taking a 1-year break because of intense studies. We are meeting with our good friends Jed and Ashley Veatch, a few other families and college students. We get together every Sunday at 5:00 pm.

## TRAIL LIFE USA

- After a 1-year break because of intense studying, Maikon is helping again with Trail Life USA. This year he will be assisting Karl McLarty as a leader assistant with the kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grader class.
- On Thursday (September 27) Maikon participated in the yearly bikeathon, which is a fundraiser for Trail Life.

## GETTING READY FOR THE MISSION FIELD

- Maikon and Tati will be done at Harding in less than two years and it is now time to start getting ready for future mission work.
- We have met with some families in the BMIN Program, the Steiners and the Marceaus. We have been talking and praying that we may be able to form a team together.
- On Friday (September 7) Maikon participated in the Friending People of Peace workshop, which was organized by Harding University's Outreach America. The speaker, Carl Williamson, shared with us about his experience as a missionary in New Jersey.

## UPCOMING MISSION AND SURVEY TRIPS

- We are getting ready to go on a survey trip to Florida in November. We want to do some research in the Miami/Boca Raton area, which is where a large Brazilian community resides. We want to visit several churches and neighborhoods and learn more about the area.
- Next summer, June 2019, we will be in Europe with Harding University's Global Outreach.
- June 1 – June 15: We will be doing survey trip in Portugal. It will be similar to the one we will be doing in Florida.
- June 16 – July 2: Tati and I have been invited to lead a kids' summer camp in Lithuania, Eastern Europe. This is a yearly camp organized by Eastern Europe missionaries and the expected attendance will be around 80 kids between ages 8-13. We are hoping to take between 10 and 15 Harding students with us.
- We will also be assisting Let's Start Talking by training their Harding University teams for summer 2019 mission trips.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- We have pets! We have bought a small fish tank and have two small and cute fish to keep us company!
- Jim and Mikal Frazier are one of our supporters. We got to meet their daughter, Rachel, and her sweet family on September 8. Rachel and her husband Allen Hewett have moved to Searcy after accepting teaching jobs at Harding University.
- Our beloved sponsors Roland and Jane Esparza came to see us here in Searcy! They stayed in town from September 7-10. We had an amazing time visiting with each other.
- On Friday (September 14) we went to the White County Fair, here in Searcy. We had great fun seeing the animals and going on some rides.
- On September 25 (Tuesday) we celebrated Tati's birthday. Maikon found a nice Brazilian café in Little Rock and he took her there for a romantic dinner.

Thank you so much for your prayers and love.  
In Jesus,  
Maikon & Tati Borba

### With the Hewetts

#### Our pets



#### White County fair



#### Our dear Esparzas!



#### Tati's birthday





**BMIN  
Welcome  
back  
party**



**HU freshman Deborah White**



**BMIN  
Chapel**



**Preachers' Seminar in Arkadelphia, AR**



**Bible Majors Retreat**

**Rosalind, our adopted  
Chinese daughter**







**We surely love these kids!**



### **Back to School BASH at Highway CoC**



**Happy birthday!**



**Welcome Micah, our brand-new brother in Christ!**



**Brazilian treats for our friends at the Church office**



**One of our projects as a Youth Group**



**Tati decorated the door of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade room**







**Maikon is back to Trail Life USA**

**Friending People of Peace workshop**



**Melvina (from LST)**

**We are recruiting!**



**The Harding Global Outreach meetings have started**







# Lithuania



**Dates:** June 17 to July 2, 2019

**Cost:** \$2200 (estimated)

**Activities:** Church camp for 8-13 year olds; encouraging local churches; worshipping with fellow believers

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# WHY FLORIDA?

Being originally from Brazil, we are able to connect with other Brazilians and it is our desire for them to get to know Jesus and accept his free gift of salvation. We also love the English language and the beautiful USA. It would mean so much for us to be able to combine our passions and abilities to implement a bilingual ministry in Florida, more precisely the Miami/Boca Raton area. As former EFL teachers, we feel a call to use our talents for evangelizing.

Our desire is to either form a team to plant a new church or work with local congregations to share the Gospel with the Portuguese-speaking Brazilian immigrants who live in the area. We have strong ties with Let's Start Talking and would love to partner with them to use their materials and methods to reach out to those who are not yet comfortable with English. We have also contacted Great Cities Missions and hope to partner with them as well. It is our goal to develop a holistic ministry, as we will be attending people's spiritual longings (they need Jesus!) and also their personal needs (improving English skills and bridging cultural differences to better function in their new home).

We envision a fully functional bilingual community of Brazilian and American believers in Florida!

To learn more about who we are and our dream, please contact us at:



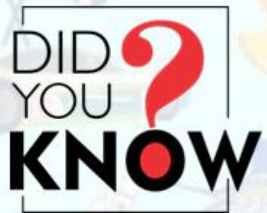
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**There are 1.5 million  
Brazilians living legally  
in the US.  
Florida has the largest  
community (300k+).**



# WHY PORTUGAL?

We have a passion for the world and we know that there are so many people out there who do not yet know Jesus. Portugal is a great example: even though 81% of the population is declared catholic, only 3.3% is Christian/evangelical. Brazil was colonized by Portugal and the two countries share many things in common besides speaking the same language. Being Brazilians, we believe we will be able to connect with the Portuguese people more easily. Our desire is to also work with the Brazilian immigrants who live in the country.

As it is the reality in many European countries, there is an ever-increasing number of refugees flocking into Portugal every year. And as former language teachers we would love to help these people learn Portuguese and/or English as second languages. We have strong ties with Let's Start Talking and would love to partner with them to use their materials and methods to reach out to those immigrants/refugees who wish to learn Portuguese/English. We have also contacted Great Cities Missions and hope to partner with them as well. It is our goal to develop a holistic ministry, as we will be attending people's spiritual longings (they need Jesus!) and also their personal needs (improving language skills and bridging cultural differences to better function in their new home).

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**10.3 million people live in Portugal (85 thousand Brazilians) and there are only two small churches of Christ in the whole country.**