



# BORBAS' REPORT

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OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER  
2018

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*" FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD  
AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. "*

EPHESIANS 6:10 (NIV)

Dear sponsors and supporters!

How are you?

The second half of the Fall semester was in full swing and we were quite busy with classes and church! It's been three months since our last report was sent out but we hope you have been checking our 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.

### HARDING & CLASSES:

- Classes were good and we both learned a lot. We loved our professors and everything that they taught us. We both finished the semester with straight As. Maikon made it to the Dean's list one more time and now holds a GPA of 3.72.
- Harding University's annual lectureship took place in early October. Maikon and Tati attended several lectures and watched all the keynote speakers every night. This year's theme was on the 10 commandments and all the lectures were really interesting and informative. We had the privilege of having Lane and RuthAnn Cubstead spend some days with us.
- In late October, Maikon was nominated to join the ODK - National Leadership Society. He was selected by several HU professors, based on his GPA performance and leadership skills. Maikon accepted the honor and he feels very happy and yet humbled to have been selected for such a prestigious society. We were so glad that Roland and Jane Esparza came from Fort Worth to be there with us.
- On October 13, we watched the homecoming musical at Harding University. This year's concert was an adaptation of "Big Fish" and we were blown away with the quality of the production.

- In November Maikon went on a field trip with his Living World Religion class. In this class he learned about several of the most popular religions in the world and how much they compare and relate to Christianity. As part of the class, we took a trip to Dallas and visited seven different religious temples and had a chance to talk to followers of these faiths and learn from them. It was a really enlightening and humbling experience. Tati also went on the trip and we both enjoyed it a lot.
- This semester Maikon and Tati helped with the Chinese ministry at Harding University. Besides "adopting" one of the new freshman students (Rosalind), we helped host and organize one of the devotionals with the Chinese students.
- Early December, before classes ended, the BMIN students and their families got together for our end-of-the-year/Christmas party.

### CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP:

- This semester, Maikon taught the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday Morning. They studied the book of Acts. Tati taught the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' class on Sunday mornings.
- We helped as volunteers during Cloverdale's Fall Fest. We were responsible for the Cake Walk game. Maikon also helped with serving the drinks.
- The youth group had several devotionals (which we call CLIMB) this semester.
- We organized a church trip to Little Rock to watch the Christian band MercyMe. Several of the teens went and also many other church members.

- On November 4<sup>th</sup> we had a Chili Cookoff at church. After dinner, the Christian accapella group Tower Lights had a small concert for us. Philip Walker (whose children Kristin and Sean are in the youth group) is a member of the group.
- On December 1<sup>st</sup> we had our youth group Christmas Party. Many teens and families attended and we had a great time with fun games and delicious pizza!

### TRAIL LIFE:

- Maikon assisted Karl McLarty as a leader assistant with the kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grader class this semester. However, he was rather busy with his university classes and was not able to help as much as he wanted to.

### SURVEY TRIP TO SOUTH FLORIDA:

- As you all know by now, we have been making strong considerations for missionary work in South Florida and targeting the large Brazilian community that lives there. So, for our thanksgiving break we took a survey trip to the Deerfield Beach / Boca Raton area.
- Maikon's cousin, Marcio, has been living in Deerfield Beach for the past 14 years with his wife Nasra and their two children, Omar (18) and Julia (12). It had been such a long time since Maikon last saw Marcio and it was so good to spend those days with them in their beautiful home.

- During our stay in South Florida we had a chance to visit several Brazilian communities and neighborhoods. There is an estimate of 300+K Brazilians living in Florida and the three largest Brazilian communities in the whole United States are all located in that region. The "Brazilianness" of the area was very noticeable in the stores, restaurants, houses, and especially the many people we saw and talked to during those days. In fact, we hardly spoke any English for almost 10 days!
- We visited several local congregations and had meetings with elders and missionaries. Two missionaries who are working with the Hispanic population in the area, Carlos Preciado and Mauricio Yegros, were extremely positive and encouraging of us starting a work with the Brazilians there. They gave us many valuable hints and insights about their work with the Spanish-speaking peoples in that part of Florida.
- We were very happy with our findings during our survey trip: (1) there is indeed a very large Brazilian community in the area; (2) none of the local churches there is working or targeting the Brazilian population in any way; (3) we liked the place, it's beautiful and we mostly felt quite at home (it felt a lot like Brazil).

### UPCOMING MISSION AND SURVEY TRIPS:

- Next summer, June 2019, we will be in Europe with Harding University's Global Outreach.
  - June 1 - June 15: We will be taking a survey trip in Portugal. It will be similar to the one we just did in Florida.
  - June 16 - July 1: Tati and I will be leading 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. Our team now consists of 10 people, Cloverdale members as well as some students from the university.

• We haven't reached full funds yet. So, if you haven't yet been able to help us with our fundraising, please do so by clicking on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/omgrj58>

**IMPORTANT:** At the bottom of the page (Donation Designation), please make sure to select the "Lithuania team" and write my name (Maikon Borba) in "Enter team member who contacted you".

- We will also be assisting Let's Start Talking by training their Harding University team for summer 2019 mission trips. The training sessions are set to start in the second half of January.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK PART 1:

- For our Christmas break we took a short trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. They have a beautiful Christmas lights display, and it was something that Tati has been wanting to see since we moved to Searcy. After a couple of days in beautiful Hot Springs, it was time to start another Texas adventure!
- We spent Christmas with our beloved Cubstead family in Dallas.
- On December 28 we had a lunch meeting with Scott Emery, the Director of Hispanic Teams at Great Cities Missions. We got to share with him (and his wife Holly) our plans for South Florida. It was very encouraging to know that Great Cities is indeed interested in starting a Brazilian work in the Deerfield Beach / Boca Raton area. We really admire the beautiful work that Great Cities has done in Latin America and surely would love to work with them in the future.
- We then proceeded to Fort Worth where we spent New Year's with our equally beloved Esparza family!

*As always, we are very appreciative of all your support and encouragement! We love you and pray many blessings to you from our loving Father!*

*HAVE A BLESSED 2019!*

*Lots of love,  
Maikon and Tati Borba*

*Harding Lectureship 2019*



*Homecoming Musical*



*Buddhist  
Temple*



*Living World Religions Trip*

*Sikh Temple*



*Devo with the Chinese students*

*We were  
Rainbow  
Unicorn  
and Piglet  
for  
Fall Fest*



*On our way to the MercyMe concert*



*CLIMB*

*Youth Group Christmas Party*



*Cloverdale Chili Cookoff*



*Florida is beautiful!*



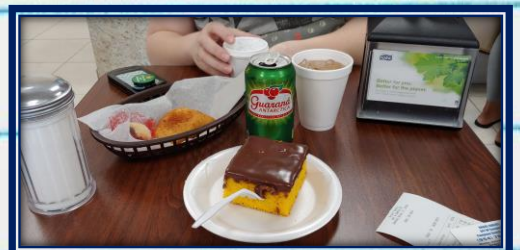
*Maikon and his cousin, Márcio Borba*



*Brazilian/American  
Thanksgiving dinner*



*It felt like back home!*





*Our Hispanic  
brothers and sisters in Florida*



*The elders of the Hialeah CoC*

*Meeting with  
Chris Fry (Great Cities)  
and  
Mauricio Yegros*



*On the way back from Florida, we met  
Maikon's longtime friend Greg Muse*

*Back in Searcy,  
sharing, dreaming and praying  
about our Florida plans.*





*Trip to  
Hot  
Springs*



*Our lovely Christmas with the Cubsteads*



*Meeting with  
Scott and  
Holly Emery  
(Great Cities)*



*New Year's with the Esparzas  
We watched Mary Poppins Returns!*