



Borbas' Report

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*For you, O Lord, are good
and forgiving, abounding in
steadfast love to all who call
upon you.*

Psalm 86:5 (ESV)

Dear sponsors and supporters!

How are you doing?

It's 2019, WOW! Hard to believe that so much has already happened since we moved to Searcy! We feel very blessed by this amazing opportunity to be studying at Harding University and equipping ourselves to better serve in the kingdom! THANK YOU for this is greatly because of you all who allow God to use you to bless us!

Remember to check out our blog whenever you have a chance <http://borbasmissionexperience.missionsplace.com>. The blog and our social media venues (Facebook and Instagram) are the best ways to be up-to-date with what we have been up to.

CHRISTMAS BREAK PART 2:



After spending New Years with the Esparzas in Fort Worth, we proceeded to Daingerfield. We spent some days there with the Whites. Tati and I helped with the church's youth retreat. This year's theme was "Breaking the Barriers Down." Maikon was responsible for the lessons and Tati did the games and activities.



HARDING & CLASSES:

- This spring semester is Maikon's second half of his junior year. He is set to graduate in May 2020.
 - This semester Maikon is taking 5 classes: Practicum in Missions, Old Testament Survey (Chronicles), Christian Teaching, as well as two general eds (Music Appreciation, and Elementary Statistics).
- As part of her online program, Tati is taking Evangelism and Church Planting. She is also auditing Practicum in Missions with Maikon.
- There have been some more changes in the BMIN Program. Now, new upcoming students will have the choice to choose any major in the Bible College. Also, current students have been allowed to switch majors if they so choose to. Since Maikon had already been taking all his Bible electives in missions anyway, it was a no brainer for him to officially change to a missions degree. Maikon will now graduate with a BA in Bible and Missions.

- On Friday (Jan 25) Maikon and Tati were invited to attend the annual Missions Advisory Dinner at Harding. This is a moment in which many church elders and representatives of mission committees come to the university to meet and encourage mission majors. We had a chance to sit down with brother Don Collins from the Village CoC (Hot Springs Village, AR).



There are some amazing connections! The church has learned about us (through the preacher at the Daingerfield CoC) and Mr. Collins became really interested in meeting us. The Village CoC is the church who supports Carlos Preciado (one of the Hispanic missionaries that we met in South Florida) and we are praying and hoping that they will be willing to partner with us as well.



- On Tuesday (Feb 19) Maikon attended Harding University's Preachers Conference. The theme was "Preaching (The Rest Of) Revelation" and the speakers were Dr. Kevin Youngblood and Dr. Devin Swindle.

CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP:

- This semester, we are both teaching the 7th-8th grade class. The lesson series is called "Choices that Determine Our Destiny."
- January and February are usually very busy months for the youth group. Tati and I helped with several events and trips.
- On Martin Luther King's weekend, we helped as chaperones for Teen Leadership Conference, in Branson (MO). It's a retreat organized by several churches in the Searcy area. This year's theme was "Worthy", and the teens participated in lessons and activities that were meant to help them develop leadership skills in the kingdom.



- February 1-3, Tati attended Cloverdale's ladies retreat. The theme chosen for this year was "Fearless" and Tati was invited to be one of the speakers. She shared the message during the worship service on Sunday.

- On the following weekend, February 8-10, we helped at the youth group's yearly winter retreat. This retreat is youth-led and the theme they selected this year was "Stained Glass." The teens did a great job organizing everything, and the lessons and speakers that they chose were really good.



- February 22-24, Maikon helped as a chaperone for this year's CHRIS^Teens, in Russellville (AR). This is a teen rally organized by the churches of Christ in the area. The teens had a great time with the lessons, singing, and all the fun activities that weekend.

- This semester we were invited to participate in the mission committee at Cloverdale (as the student members). The committee meets once a month and we will be helping by praying for and reporting from the missionaries supported by the church.

UPCOMING MISSION AND SURVEY TRIPS:

- This coming 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 recently 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 the church in Vilnius and the expected attendance will be around 80 kids between ages 8-13. Unfortunately, two girls will no longer be able to go on the trip with us. Our team now consists of 9 people, Cloverdale members as well as some students from the university.
- THANK YOU** so much to all of you who helped us with our fundraising!
- Our training sessions have started! We will be meeting every other Tuesday to plan the lessons for the kids camp.

MISCELANEOUS:

- Due to a tough load of classes at university, as well as the many activities with the youth group, Maikon will not be helping with Trail Life this semester.



- On February 14, we were invited to speak about Brazil at CrossPointe Preparatory School, here in Searcy. Ms. Denise asked us to share about the Brazilian culture and history with her high school class.

- In January we met the Ross family, who are missionaries in Paulinia, Sao Paulo, Brazil. They were visiting Searcy on their furlough.



- Our friend Howard Kuang (Maikon's classmate in the BMIN program) got engaged in China last year. His fiancée, Amy, came with him to the US so they can get ready for their wedding in March. We are hosting her until the wedding day.

We love you and appreciate your constant encouragement and support! Thank you for being our partners in everything that we do!

In Jesus' love,

Maikon and Tati Borba