




Borbas' Report

March / April 2019

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26 (KJV)





Dear sponsors and supporters!
How are you?

We love the year o 2019 already! It's going to be an AMAZING year for us! The Lord has been blessing us beyond measure and we love sharing these blessings with you all!

MAJOR NEWS!

By now we imagine that you all know that WE ARE PREGNANT! We couldn't be happier! Many of you were aware of how much we have wanted a baby and our gracious Father has now blessed us with our first child!

We found out about the pregnancy in early March. Tati is now in her 13th week and we have recently found out the gender. It's a GIRL! Baby Joanna Machado Borba is coming for us in early November! Thank you so much to all of you who have been with us on this journey, praying and encouraging us! We love you!!



HARDING & CLASSES:

- The Spring semester has been going great and the two of us are doing really well in our classes. The midterms came in in early March and we both have As.
- For this year's Spring break, we decided to stay in Searcy and relax a little. We enjoyed this time at home and used it to visit with several local friends in town.
- One of Maikon's classes (one that Tati audited) was called Practicum in Missions. In it we learned a lot about mission work, especially details related to team formation, field selection, and fundraising. We formed a fictional mission team with two other classmates and pretended that we were going to do mission work in Madrid, Spain.
- Our best friend in the program, Yu Kuang (Howard) and his fiancée, Xiaomei Lan (Amy), got married on March 9. They had a beautiful ceremony in Cone Chapel at Harding University. We were very involved in helping them put everything together and the cake that Tati made was beautiful and delicious.



- Harding University's 2019 Spring Sing was spectacular! It was such a nice production and we both really enjoyed watching it.



- Our Chinese "daughter", Rosalind, was baptized on April 28. She's been attending the Chinese church that meets at Harding and Tati and I have been trying to spend time with her and encourage her in her faith. We are VERY happy that we now can call her our sister too!

- Mr. Gary Gregg, the former recruiter for CAMT/BMIN, is retiring and will be leaving Harding University at the end of the spring semester. He has been very instrumental in bringing us here to Searcy and has been a great incentive to us. We will miss him!



CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP:

- Maikon and Tati continued teaching the 7th-8th grade class. The lesson series is called "Choices that Determine Our Destiny."
- On March 29 and 30, Tati and Renee Johnson took some girls from the youth group to a girls rally in Paragould, AR. They really enjoyed their time together as they learned more about God.



UPCOMING MISSION AND SURVEY TRIPS:

- We finished our training sections for our mission trip and are ready to go!



- We take off from Dallas on May 30 and return to America on July 2.
- We will start by doing our survey trip in Portugal. We will be visiting the two congregations of the churches of Christ in the country, one in Porto and the other in Lisbon. We are excited to be spending time with our Portuguese brothers and sisters and learn as much as we can from them and the work they have been doing. We will also be visiting several neighborhoods in the two cities as we will be evaluating sites for a possible future work.



- We will then spend a few days in London visiting some friends and Tati's former host family when she was an exchange student in England in 2012.
- Finally, we will meet our team in Lithuania! We will spend some time with the Vilnius CoC and then head to the camp where we will be teaching the lessons and working as chaperones with around 85 kids ages 6-12.
- THANK YOU again to all of you who helped us with our fundraising!

FUTURE PLANS:

- We continue to move forward in our plans to do mission work after Maikon's graduation in May 2020.
- We have contacted Scott Emery (Great Cities Missions) who is helping us contact prospect team members from other CoC universities.
- We're also trying to contact children of former missionaries to Brazil who are now back in the United States. We believe that these individuals might be interested in doing mission work in South Florida or Portugal.
- Ken Graves has referred us to Eric Henton, an immigration attorney from Memphis. He is going to help us with the visa process in case we stay in the USA to work in South Florida.
- We already have several churches who have shown interest in helping us with our support. We already met with two of them: The Village CoC, in Hot Springs Village; and The Cloverdale CoC, in Searcy.



- If you and/or your congregation would like to have us present a detailed report on our plans for either South Florida or Portugal, please let us know. We would love to have a chance to meet with you!



MISCELANEOUS:

As most of you know by now, Searcy won the Small Business Revolution competition and will be featured in season 4 of the show. We attended the celebration which took place downtown on March 22.



We are so very happy and feel really blessed! We can't wait to have our baby Joanna with us. We specially request prayers for Tati and a healthy pregnancy. We love and miss you all!



P.S.: Don't forget 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.

In Jesus' love,

Maikon, Tati and baby Borba