



Borbas' Report

**January – February – March
2020**

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.
John 14:27 (NIV)

Dear sponsors and supporters!
How are you doing?

2020 is here and it's going to be an awesome year, full of excitement and more changes for us! We have Maikon's graduation coming up and also some months of preparation before we finally move to South Florida at the end of the year. We are so happy that we will get to go through all these while we experience Joanna's growth and development. God is SO good, isn't He?

BABY JOANNA!!

Joanna keeps growing! As of March 31 she is 5,5 months. She is now over 24 inches and 14 pounds (according to last official measurements taken by the doctor in mid-February).

On February 16, right after Joanna turned 4 months, she went to Bible class for the first time. The teachers said she didn't cry and behaved really well. We were very proud parents!

Joanna is a such a curious and happy baby girl. She learns new things every day. She is also very social and enjoys going out. She loves her friends at church!

On February 17, Joanna had her 4-month doctor's appointment. Dr. Gustke was very impressed with her growth and development. On the same day she had another set of vaccines and cried just a little. At night she ran a mild fever but soon got back to normal.



FAMILY HERE WITH US:

Tati's mom, Mara, stayed with us until January 12.

After spending New Year's in Searcy, just the four of us, we headed for Texas to see some church friends and sponsoring families in the DFW area.

SNOW IN TEXAS: Mara had never seen snow and we were so eager to get her to see some. Since early December we had been tracking 9 different cities in Missouri and Tennessee (Saint Louis, Kansas City, Gatlinburg, among others) but had no success. After New Year's, temperatures continued higher than usual and we had sadly lost hope that Mara would be able to see snow. However, God works miracles in the most unexpected ways! The weekend that Mara flew back to Brazil, it snowed in Dallas, of all places! Friday evening was pretty warm, but then a tornado hit the area and the next morning when we woke up the temperature was 32°F and it was snowing 20 minutes north of where we were! Mara really enjoyed seeing snow for the first time! It was also Joanna's first time in the snow!

Mara took off that Sunday from DFW. It was an emotional farewell to all of us but we were so happy and appreciative for the time that we got to have her here with us.



THE BORBAS IN SOUTH FLORIDA:

We are glad to announce that we have secured our supporting money for the mission in South Florida later this year. Several of our current supporting churches and families will either continue or increase their support for us to go on the mission field. **THANK YOU** to all of you who will keep on partnering with us in this new phase of our lives.

Remember, your support for the months of April and May should still come through the Daingerfield CoC. Our sponsoring church, The Village CoC, will start administering our support starting on June 1. The Village CoC requests checks or bank transfers be received by the 20th of each previous month. This may mean that you will need to send your support twice in May (one for the month of May itself, through the Daingerfield church, and the other for June through The Village church). If this is not clear and you have any question, please let us know so we can explain it better. Please, write “Support for the Borbas” on the memo line so The Village church will know the check is for us. Their mailing address is:

**The Village Church of Christ
210 Balboa Rd
Hot Springs Village, AR - 71909**

Our main goal now is to find team members to join us. We would love to have at least another couple/family to go to South Florida with us. We believe in teamwork and having more people to help us will allow us to do so much more than if we are by ourselves. We have met with several families that we know and invited them to be a part of our mission team, but unfortunately none of them has responded positively yet.

In the last several weeks we have been having meetings with our elders at the Village CoC and we're working on several details for our future missionary work. Please continue to keep us and our plans in your prayers.



HARDING & CLASSES:

Can y'all believe that we made it to Maikon's last semester at Harding University? We've been in Searcy for almost 4 years and time surely has gone by fast.

This semester, Maikon is taking 4 classes: Biblical Theology (online), Theology of Missions, Wellness, and American National Government. Tati continues her online certificate and is taking a class called Capstone in Ministry.

On January 24, we took part in Harding's annual Mission Advisory Council Meeting. We, alongside three other families, spoke about our future mission plans.

On February 9, we participated at All Missions Fellowship at HU. This is a weekly devotional organized by mission students at the university. We had the opportunity to share about our plans for South Florida with other mission-minded people.

On February 11, Tati organized a devotional for the ladies and students' wives in the BMIN program. The get together is called LIFT and they plan on doing it once a month.

COVID-19: unfortunately, the Coronavirus epidemic is among us and we have all been affected somehow or another. Classes on campus have been cancelled and we will finish the semester via online platforms (email, Canvas, and Zoom).

GRADUATION: due to the many changes caused by the Coronavirus, Harding decided to call off May graduation and postpone it to August. Please, cancel any reservations that you may have already made. We will let everybody know as soon as we have the new date.

Our midterm grades: Maikon has 3 As and 1 B. Tati has a B.



CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP:

As it was informed in our previous report, Maikon stepped down from the position of youth intern at Cloverdale. Several factors contributed for this decision: Maikon being extra busy with classes because this is his last semester, us having to take care of Joanna, and all the preparation for our upcoming missions work. However, we continue to be involved with the youth group and have been helping as much as we can.

On February 8, Tati and Joanna attended Cloverdale's annual ladies retreat. The theme this year was "Chosen, Worthy, Loved" and both of them really enjoyed being a part of it.

On February 28-29, Maikon volunteered as a chaperone and helped take the youth group to Christeens in Russellville, AR. This is the fourth year in a row that Maikon attends this event with the youth group.

Maikon, Tati, and brother Jerry Myhan are having a Bible study with a Nicaraguan student at Harding. She is attending our small group on Sundays and has demonstrated an interest in learning more about the church and Jesus. Please pray that she will open her heart to the Gospel. Because of the Coronavirus and HU shutting down classes on campus, Rebeca decided to go back home to be with her family. We have offered her the opportunity to resume her Bible studies online via Zoom or WhatsApp and we pray that she will be able to continue.



LET'S START TALKING:

This year, we are again training Let's Start Talking teams from Harding University. We have a couple, Hannah and Pierson, who is going to Japan in June. We have been meeting with them once a week on Thursdays. After the Coronavirus outbreak, we have been meeting online via Zoom. Unfortunately, their mission trip runs the risk of not happening but as of the completion of this report it's still confirmed.



As we close this report, the Coronavirus pandemic is strongly hitting the USA and the world. We pray for everybody's health and well-being during these hard times. We should all try our best to remain positive and have faith in our Lord because He is still in control of everything! But now, this is what the Lord says—

*he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
ISAIAH 43:1*

In the love of Jesus,
Maikon, Tati & Joanna

P.S.: We were about ready to close and send out our report for January and February when the Coronavirus pandemic started, and everything started to shut down. We then decided to hold on a little and include the month of March in this report as well.

