

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from Sean & Stephanie Lunday

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year! THANK YOU for faithfully partnering with us in life and ministry in 2024. Without your prayers and financial support, we would not be able to serve our Savior as church-planters and fulfill our responsibility as the BIMI South America Director. As we close out '24, we look back with **"great joy"** at what God has done to further His kingdom in South America with souls saved, lives changed, churches planted, servants trained and sent into the harvest fields. It's been said; **"The Gospel is only Good News if it gets there in time."** You can go to [Amazon4Christ.org](https://www.amazon4christ.org) to see how to get it there.



Building: We finalized the purchase of property for the new church plant in Guacuri. Recently, God gave us an amazing opportunity to build the fourth church in metro São Paulo on a major avenue and in a prime location.



Please pray with us concerning this project! This church began as a preaching point in a house, but has been meeting in a large tent for the last four years and has seen substantial growth, in spite of the many obstacles. **Help New Life Baptist Church in Guacuri go from the tent to the temple!** If you would like to have a part and answer to our prayer for laborers, you can be involved with a **Construction Team**. For more info go to <http://www.bimi.org/connect/2025Brazil.php>

Battling: Recently one of our churches suffered a major disaster. The evening, while most Americans were celebrating Thanksgiving, there was a torrential rain in São Paulo, which triggered a mudslide that flooded the New Life Baptist Church in Ingá with mud and water. We thank the Lord that no one was injured, but the damage to the facility was substantial. As you can see from the photo, the mud was over the roof of the church. Please pray as they dig out from this disaster and begin to build a much needed retaining wall to prevent a further disaster. We are just now beginning rainy season in Brazil, which can cause even more significant challenges. Please pray and click on this link to watch the video. <https://vimeo.com/1036069977>



Blessings: Without a doubt, the blessings of ministry are far greater than the battles! One of our greatest blessings is to serve the Lord with our children. The Apostle John said, **"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."** Recently, we learned that we will soon be grandparents. Seth and Susana, who are pastoring in São Paulo, will soon be having a baby boy, Micah. Please pray that all will go well and that, above all, he would grow up to his name, which means; **"There is no god like our God"**. As we serve God with our family, it is a joy to see spiritual children go on in their faith. Recently, we ordained Uarlisson for the ministry. He accepted Christ in our church in 2015. He and his wife, Grazi, a wonder couple, recently completed Bible Institute and will be pastoring the church in Guacuri.



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