

Greetings from Brazil in the precious name of Jesus. I pray you are well and walking with Him, and enjoying His peace whatever your circumstances at this time.

Prayer (sometimes with fasting) is essential in our walking with the Lord. Since I live in a big noisy city, I am so grateful that there is a big park only a five minute bus ride from our apartment. The park is a safe place where I am able to pray on the trails without a lot of distractions. Along with prayer, good fellowship is important. Once a week, I go hiking with my friend Pastor Beto. Sometimes, others go with us. We encourage one another, pray for different needs, and share what the Lord has been speaking to us through His Word.

Isn't it wonderful when we have encounters with people that the Lord has arranged! I've had two such encounters recently. Jefferson is a young man who lives out in the middle of the woods. He has been seeing scary things because of the voodoo type of stuff that people do nearby. Pastor Beto and I were able to help him. He has accepted the Lord, and we are keeping in touch. The second encounter was with Sheila, a thirty six year old woman battling drinking problems and drug use. I was sitting in a small plaza near home listening to Christian worship music in English. She asked me about it, and we ended up talking for a long time. I recommended a nearby church that she went to that morning and evening.

We live in very stressful times. The biggest percentage of people receiving disability here in Brazil is because of anxiety. May the Lord give us grace to cast all our cares upon Him and to have no anxiety about anything. (1 Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6)

His peace,
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Photos: Cats in our apartment complex.
We help take care of them. It's
better than the rats we used to
have.

Pastor Beto, a missionary friend,
and I on a recent 23k hike.

