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Dear Fellow-laborers with the Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you for taking the time to read our latest report. I appreciate your attention and prayers for us. It is a blessing to be part of God’s work. It is encouraging to see progress as we endeavor to be faithful.

We published firmadonabiblia.org a couple of weeks ago and are getting friendly feedback before we try to publicize the website via the internet and literature. Aaron has designed a business card to be used for this purpose. We have had them printed by two different companies but are not completely satisfied with the end product. Please feel free to check out the website and let me know what you think. At this stage, it is primarily an evangelistic tool. The front of the business card Aaron designed asks “Have you taken the test?” The back of the card has a QR code that takes a person to the web page where they can take a short test to see if they are a good person by God’s standard. Through a series of questions, they are confronted with God’s law in order to see their helplessness and need for a Savior. By the end, those who can admit their need are presented with the Gospel and given an opportunity to contact us. Even though we will be traveling this summer, I plan to monitor the website and follow up with contacts by email and WhatsApp. Brenda and I are in the final editing process for 11 of the Bible studies we plan to offer to those who visit the website and are interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches. Please pray that this outreach will be fruitful. I hope to do more with the website but need God’s wisdom before moving ahead.

We are excited about flying out on Monday. No one is looking forward to the long flight from São Paulo to Atlanta, but it will be well worth the flight to see family and friends. I am looking forward to being with Edmond Road Baptist Church and visiting a handful of supporting churches while we are in the U.S. as well. We have several matters of business that can best be addressed from the U.S. that we hope to take care of while we are there.

Please pray with us concerning the website outreach, visiting with family and friends, and taking care of the business we have stateside.

For the Glory of God,

Chris Bell

Prayer Requests:

- Preparation of hearts in Belém to receive the Gospel - Building relationships with neighbors

- Language Acquisition – Outreach Efforts - Bell Academy-- Mendozas Transition

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Hello, Kind Readers!

May: gone but *quite* forgotten. Here are the highlights:

The Bell Academy concluded another largely successful year. Elijah, Sarah, and Caleb have been enjoying their leisure for 3 weeks now. Thank you for your faithful (or, if you’re like me, sporadic but sincere) prayers! They do make a difference.

The website has been published; we are still waiting for some feedback. Hopefully, the Mendozas will be able to begin publicizing it soon.

I say the Mendozas because we Bells are leaving for the US a week from tomorrow. Much remains to be done before our departure, but as I carefully explained recently, I am NOT frantic—what I am is ENERGIZED... Mmhm. (My grammar checker objects, but is there any doubt in your minds as to the meaning of that “Mmhm”? I thought not.) No doubt the essential will get done! We are excited to see family and church.

Elizabeth and Sarah celebrated birthdays June 3rd and 4th, respectively. I’ve been reminded recently (Haven’t we all?) just how precious time with our children is. They jointly enjoyed a beach day, a party, and **three** cakes! We appreciated the company of our jiu-jitsu teacher’s family and Leia and Jura, owners of the piano school. These are friendships that we want to continue to build.

I had coffee with our landlady and her sister this week; they were gracious hostesses as always. I am hoping to meet Danielle, the lady whose husband was murdered, for coffee before we leave. I reached out to her a couple of weeks ago to let her know that I was praying for her, and she expressed a desire to keep in touch. Please pray for me as I try to listen to and for the Lord in these encounters.

I also checked in with our former neighbor, Ann, recently, and she informed me that her husband is cancer-free! Thank you for your prayers for them; please continue to remember them for salvation.

Thanks for reading and for praying!

In Christ,

Brenda