

Studies resume after U.S. trip

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My studies with our neighbor, Paulo, have resumed. Last week we studied on Thursday afternoon and at 6:30 am Saturday. The latter has become our regular study time. We're nearing the end of the series, "Greatest Subjects of the Bible."

On Sunday, Nov. 12, we had 24 people in attendance, 8 of whom are not NT Christians: Douglas and Ludmila's neighbors, Eliseu and Fabiana; Jonathan's girlfriend Suellen; Gustavo's girlfriend Maria Luiza; our neighbor Paulo; his guest

Ivan, from Mozambique; sr. Joaquim; Pedro's friend, Sebastian. Pray for all of these.

The studies at Paulo's gym, NovaFit, have resumed, held every other Thursday night at 10 pm. We always have people present who are not true followers of the Lord.

ANOTHER INTERNET CONTACT. While in the US in September, I got an email from a man who visited one of our websites. He was very interested in finding a congregation. Turned out that he lives in the same neighborhood as the meeting location of the Taubaté church. He has since visited there, and Humberto has been studying with him.

HOME OFFICE OPERATIONAL. During our trip to the US, a friend cleaned out the old office space I'd rented for almost 17 years. He, his wife, and a coworker boxed everything up, painted the office, turned in the keys to the owner with the last month's rent, and placed all the boxes in two containers he rented and had placed in our carport.

Little by little I'm pulling out boxes of books and papers from the containers to get them placed on the shelves.



Last week, D. Ritinha gave me a new office chair for my home office (photo, left). The iron desk is one that the owner of the rented space made for me years ago. He charged me only the price of materials.

PRAY FOR: Nov., 15, at a nearby property for all the saints and guests in our region, we'll have a barbecue and thanksgiving for the 30 years of work in this area. (We came to SJCampos in 1995.) • Several are studying the Bible to learn God's Way and others are being introduced to the truth of the gospel. • Vicki had tachycardia Sunday night, Nov. 4, and again Monday morning, Nov. 5. She was able to control it without a hospital visit, but it left her quite tired for a few days. • I speak in January at the Northeast lectureship. • Leila became engaged last month to Ethan Washington of Charlotte NC. The wedding is planned for August, 2019. • Micah recently changed jobs, and Leila and Joel are also in the process.

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