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*For the grace of God,
bringing salvation to all men,
has appeared, training us
Titus 2:11, 12*

10 May 2024

To the churches in New Zealand

RE: OFFERINGS FOR THE SAINTS IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL

Dear brothers,

The New Zealand co-workers have requested the New Zealand Training Centre to bring to the attention of all the churches in New Zealand the following situation in Brazil.

Some regions in Southern Brazil have suffered from torrential rains which has caused flooding and the loss of dozens of lives. More than a hundred people are still missing.

Attached to this letter is the report prepared by the brothers in this region of Brazil.

We are happy to facilitate the collection and sending of any funds the churches or saints may feel to give to this need. Saints or churches can deposit their offering into the following New Zealand bank account:

Account Name: New Zealand Training Centre

Account Number: 04 2021 0072010 93

Please use the word "Brazil" in all three reference fields. For example:

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Brazil	Brazil	Brazil

Please note this is a different account from the usual NZTC bank account. This account can only accept offerings via Internet banking. If you do not use Internet banking, please put your cash offering into the offering box in your locality instead and mark it "Brazil". Churches can then forward these cash offerings into the above bank account via Internet banking.

As these offerings will be sent overseas, no tax receipt can be provided.

We are passing on this letter to you brothers for you to deal with it as you consider appropriate before the Lord.

Much grace,

NZTC Serving Ones

Porto Alegre, May 6, 2024

To the dear saints in the Lord's Recovery!

SITUATION OF SAINTS AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL-BRAZIL

Since the end of last month, our State has suffered from torrential rains which caused flooding in several regions, causing the loss of dozens of lives and more than a hundred people are still missing. Until now, there are still people on the roofs of houses waiting for rescue.

In many places there is no electricity, internet or drinking water. The storm completely interrupted road access in almost two hundred points, isolating several cities.

The capital's airport and bus station were closed due to flooding. Several hospitals across the state had to be deactivated in areas affected by the water.

The level of Lake Guaíba in Porto Alegre reached 5.33 meters (about two and a half meters above the flood limit).

Despite so much destruction, as we gained contact with the saints we realized that our Beloved Lord Jesus was taking care of His people all the time.

Below is a summary account of the situation of the saints in each city:

- 1) In **Porto Alegre**, brother Roberto and his entire family are sheltering in brother João Batista's house due to the overflow of a containment dam near his residence;
- 2) Sister Glaucia de **Porto Alegre's** daughter was admitted to a large hospital and had to be transferred by ambulance to another hospital, because the one where she was admitted flooded.
- 3) The brother of our brother Ricardo from **Porto Alegre** had his home flooded and had to quickly move to another location.
- 4) Family members of brother João Batista who live in the city of **Guaíba** had their house invaded by water and took shelter with other relatives. There are 11 people who are sheltered in this other house.
- 5) Sister Maria Inêz remained distressed without being able to contact her relatives and also our brothers who live in **Estrela** and **Teutônia** for four days. Finally, she got news and everyone is fine.
- 6) The son and daughter-in-law of sister Luci from **Porto Alegre** who live in **Canoas** had to leave their house to take shelter with another family member;
- 7) Brother Yeriah and his family who live in **Canoas** had their house flooded, and had to change shelter three times, due to the advance of the water; The brothers who welcomed this family also lost everything. Now all of them are safe. Sister Michele, Yeriah's wife, is the daughter of brother Gelson who lives in **Santa Maria**.
- 8) Brother Paulo Cezar, who lives in the city of Santos-SP, reported that his family in **Canoas** had their homes flooded, but they are safe now, in the homes of other relatives.
- 9) Sister Cristina from the city of **Charqueadas** had her house flooded and lost her possessions, she is safe in the house of another sister's relatives.
- 10) Sister Rosane who lives in **Nova Santa Rita**, was distressed due to the situation of her niece who was about to get a baby, as the roads were blocked and she feared that she would not be able to get to the hospital in time, but thanks to the Lord, everything went well and the mother and baby are already at a relative's house.

Due to the scale of the catastrophe, we recognize that it is a miracle and indisputable proof of the Lord's loving care for us, members of his Body, as we only suffered material losses.

Some saints from other locations in Brazil and other countries joined us in a virtual prayer meeting. In this sweet time of fellowship and cry we feel supported and supplied by the Head through each member of His Body. From then on, the scenario began to change in every way. Today in our Morning Revival communion we asked the Lord for the rain to stop, for the sun to shine again and for a wind to blow, taking the clouds to the ocean. And this actually happened, at the same moment, contrary to meteorological predictions. And the water level of Lake Guaíba began to drop. (Dan 10:12).

“O Defender in You we rest. Yours is the battle, Yours will be the praise.”

Please pray:

- 1) So that river and lake levels continue to fall until they completely return to normal, faster than the authorities expect;
- 2) So that drinking water, internet and electricity are promptly restored;
- 3) For the roads to be quickly rebuilt, so that there is no shortage of basic items and fuel;
- 4) So that the saints are encouraged to remain firm in fellowship for the building of the Body of Christ despite the circumstances;
- 5) So that the population of the State of Rio Grande do Sul opens itself to the light of the Gospel and recognizes that “heaven dominates”. Dn 4:26b.

In communion,

his fellow servants, in Porto Alegre-Brasil

May the love and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

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