



Borbas' Report

April & May 2020



Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

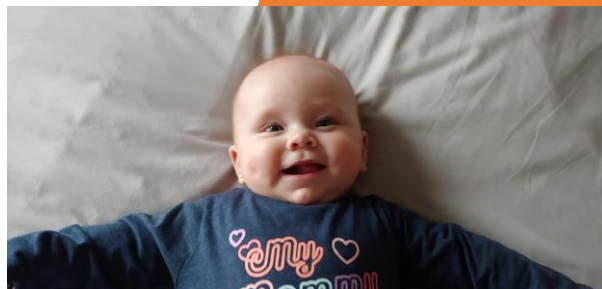
Dear sponsors and supporters!
How are you doing?

What a year 2020 has been, right? Nobody would have thought that it would be such an eventful year and that our lives would change so much. Because of COVID-19 many things are different now and we all have had to make changes and adjustments to our everyday lives.

It's hard to believe that this will be our last report as Harding students! We pray and hope that this finds you and your family well and healthy.

BABY JOANNA!!

- As of May 31 Joanna is 7,5 months. She keeps growing and now weighs 20 pounds.
- Joanna is sitting up by herself and rolling all over the place. We believe that she will be crawling pretty soon!
- There are more teeth coming! She already has three, and the fourth one is on its way.
- Mommy's milk is still her favorite, but she also loves her food! As a matter of fact, there hasn't been a thing we've given to her that she hasn't liked, from green beans to avocados, you name it and she'll eat it!
- She seems to be adapting well to all the recent changes in our lives (packing and leaving Searcy and moving to Texas for the summer).
- We enjoyed celebrating our first Easter and Mother's Day with Joanna!





HARDING & CLASSES:

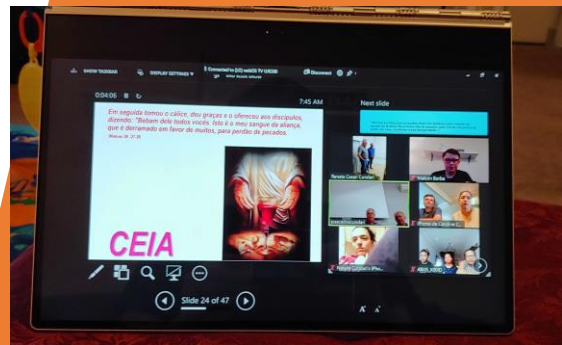
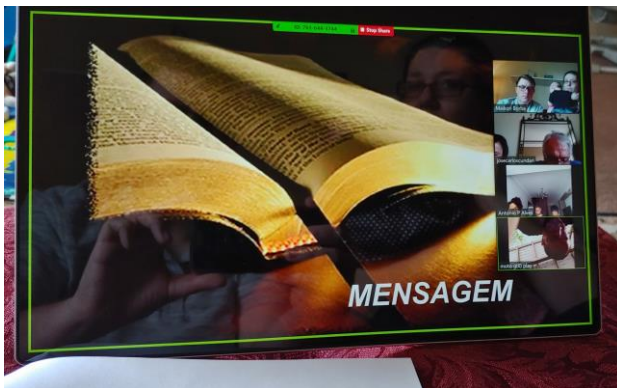
- The transition into full online classes were not easy. Being at home made it hard to find motivation and concentration.
- We both managed to finish the semester, even though it was not the way we hoped it to be. Maikon ended with 3 As and 1 B. Tati got a C.
- As you all know, this was Maikon's last semester and he "graduated" in May. The graduation ceremony, which was originally scheduled to May 9, was postponed to August 15. We will give you confirmation and more details as we get closer to the date.
- On April 30, the Bible department had a special chapel time in which several students were given awards by the faculty. Maikon received the "Outstanding Bible and Missions Major Award." It surely was a nice surprise!
- On May 1, Maikon gave his farewell speech in the CAMT-BMIN chapel. The meeting took place virtually via Zoom. Besides faculty and fellow students, many friends and supporters (from Brazil and the US) attended. We were so touched and emotional by everybody's beautiful words of encouragement to us.
- Maikon is extremely happy to have concluded his time at Harding University. We feel a great sense of accomplishment and know that we have been blessed beyond measure while we were in Searcy. We can't thank you all enough for making this all possible.

- However, we can't help but feel sad that we had to leave the university without being able to give proper goodbyes to so many wonderful classmates, faculty, and staff! The Harding community is AWESOME and we certainly will miss being a part of it.
- Maikon concluded his BA in Bible and Missions with a 3.79 GPA and was given *Magna Cum Laude* status.



CHURCH WORK:

- As you all know, Covid-19 has changed the way we do church as we had to transition to online meetings, Bible studies, and worship services.
- Although not ideal, we see this as an opportunity to reach out to more people. It has also allowed us to reconnect with people that we had not seen or talked to in a long time.
- To us, the greatest blessing has been to be able to help our home church in southern Brazil. We've helped them host their Sunday worship services via Zoom and started attending church with them every week. It has been such a wonderful experience as we miss our church family there so much.
- Since May 5, Tati has helped host and organize a Zoom meeting with several sisters from Brazil. They are watching and discussing the series on Jesus "The Chosen." We highly encourage you to watch it because it is simply amazing! Just download the "The Chosen" app on your phone. The episodes are available for free!
- On May 10, Mr. Howard Norton (former missionary to Brazil) preached virtually in our Zoom worship service with the church in Novo Hamburgo. At one point we had 48 devices connected with an attendance of over 100 people!
- Sundays have particularly become very spiritual days in the sense that we have been involved in so many church-related activities: At 8 AM we attend church via Zoom with the church in Novo Hamburgo; at 10:30 AM we watch the Daingerfield CoC worship service via Facebook Live; at 4:30 PM we attend our small group with the Cloverdale CoC; and in the evening we watch the Cloverdale CoC worship service, which is pre-recorded and made available on YouTube.



GOODBYE SEARCY:

- Leaving Searcy was intense and definitely not easy!
- On May 19, our Cloverdale church family and HU friends threw us a drive-by farewell parade!!! We were truly overwhelmed with the dozens of families that showed up to say goodbye to us. We honestly had no idea that we had touched so many people! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the many generous gifts and beautiful cards!
- On May 21, we were overwhelmed again with many friends and church family who showed up to help us pack and move our furniture to a storage unit. We will be keeping most of our belongings in Searcy until we're ready to move to South Florida at the end of the year.
- We returned our apartment keys on May 22. It truly was a bittersweet moment as we were driving off from Searcy!



PREPARATION PHASE FOR SOUTH FLORIDA:

- Our plan still is to be ready to move to South Florida at the end of the year. However, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, things are a little up in the air and we will be playing by ear as things develop.
- *Yee Haw!!* For the summer months we will be living in Northeast Texas! We will be working with one of our supporting churches, the Daingerfield CoC. We have known this congregation since 2010, as they were the sponsoring church to the White family (who were missionaries in our state capital). We have strengthened our relationship with the Daingerfield church ever since and they became one of our main supporters as we were students at Harding.
- In Daingerfield, Maikon will be helping with the Youth Group and also teaching lessons and preaching once or twice a month.
- From about August to November we will be living in Hot Springs Village, AR. The Village CoC is our sponsoring church and we will be developing and strengthening bonds with the congregation which will be overseeing us, not only financially but also, and most importantly, spiritually.
- During the next few months, as the circumstances allow, we are planning one or two survey trips to South Florida to explore the area a little more, make some more contacts, and look at neighborhoods and houses.



TATI'S GRANDMOTHER:

- Tati's grandmother, Celay Jacobsen (85), was hospitalized on April 28. She had a stroke and a heart attack. She stayed in the hospital for several weeks until she was released on May 20.
- Please continue to pray as her situation is still very critical. The stroke caused her to be paralyzed in her left side and she is now completely dependent. She can't move, needs to wear diapers, and is being fed by a tube.
- Tati's mom, because of her health conditions, is not able to leave her house much and cannot see and spend time with Ms. Celay (her mother).
- Please pray for the family, and for Tati who is so far away from home and feels unable to help.



We are so excited for what the Lord has in store for us and we feel happy and blessed to be spending time with our church family here in Daingerfield during this summer! Please continue to pray for us and the developments for our move to South Florida, which will take place pretty soon.



In the love of Jesus,

Maikon, Tati and Joanna Borba