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Hello St Michael's.

Greetings from a very hot Brazil! It's summer over here and the temperatures are daily around 35 - 38 degrees.

As you might expect, Florianópolis, being a seaside city, attracts many tourists during the summer months, both from within Brazil and from other parts of South America. Consequently, our church activities tend to slow down a bit due to the influx of visitors, holiday travels, and general busyness.

However, despite the temporary slowdown, our Sunday services continue as usual, and we warmly welcome tourists who join us as guests during this time. At Vineyard Floripa, one of our focuses is mission - to reach out to those on the fringes of society.



We are actively involved in supporting local initiatives, including a homeless project where we volunteer weekly, both on the streets and financially. Additionally, we engage with the local prison community, conducting evangelism activities on Sundays and delivering a discipleship course to male inmates.

A significant development worth celebrating is our ongoing efforts to introduce the "Prisoner Journey" course to the female prison. After numerous prayers and meetings, we recently received approval from the director and criminal judge to commence the course at the end of March. This course will not only offer spiritual guidance but also grant remission of sentence days, marking a significant answer to our prayers.

For prayer:

On a more personal note, I will be embarking on chemotherapy treatment in March as a preventive measure following the removal of a malignant tumor from my intestines in December. While I'm grateful for God's faithfulness in my healing, I kindly ask for your prayers for a smooth treatment process, minimal disruption to my routine and strength to fulfill my church and family commitments.

I'd also like to ask some prayers for:

My children, Joanna and Davi, as they have just started their new school year.



The course at the women's prison. I will be delivering the course with my sister, also a CMS mission partner, but she will be going to the UK with her family in April, so I will continue delivering the "Prisoner Journey" course alone.

The women's ministry at Vineyard Floripa church. May women find connection, support, and growth in their faith as they journey together.



With love and gratitude,
Katia, Joanna & Davi

For more details, see:

<https://www.stmichaelsbristol.org/mission/brazil-florianopolis/>

Katia's webpage on CMS website:

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/katia-rocks-brazil/>