

The Ribeiros Church Planting in Brazil

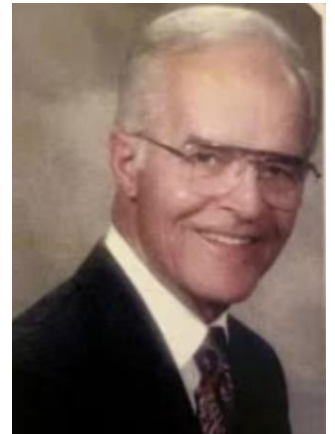


APRIL THANK-YOU NOTE

Dear Pastor and Brethren,

"... Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (II Samuel 3:38).

Don Snyder was my pastor while I attended Bible College. God used him to comfort me when I was very confused about my future and homesick for Brazil. During those four years, Pastor Snyder gave me opportunities to preach and teach at church, and when I graduated he held a very special commissioning service for my family right before we returned to Brazil as church planters. The Lord took him home on March 8 at the age of 91. His funeral service, which we watched online, was filled with testimonies of people whose lives were touched by him.



Recently we spent a couple of weeks in the South of Brazil learning about the needs of a number of churches that do not have pastors. We met with missionary Jonathan Matthews who is involved in helping churches find a pastor, to grow, and to become autonomous. We have a similar ministry in the Southeast, the Antioch Project. Our meeting gave me a greater understanding and burden for the needs of this region of the country.

My last contact with Pastor Snyder was July 18 last year. That day he took time to explain to his son-in-law, Pastor David Shoemaker, and me the importance of prayer to accomplish God's work. He shed tears as he recounted his many years of ministry and the Lord's goodness, and our hearts burned with his words.

We plan to start construction of the sixth church now in April. We plan to build in phases due to the high inflation and shortage of construction materials here in Brazil. Our first step is to build walls all around the lot, and then begin construction of the Sunday School building.

We ask you to continue to pray for God's presence, protection, power, and provision in our lives. Thank you so much for keeping us before the Lord.

In His Perfect Love,

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