

The Telescopes

Letting others see the Morning Star through our lives.

RENAN JAHVONA NOAH LIZA & LAYN OLIMPIO



ON THE SPOTLIGHT: ELUANE AND FAMILY

"I am Eluane, and this is my story:

I grew up in a christian environment, where my mom was a believer and dad wasn't. Later on, my dad decided to follow Jesus with us. Therefore, I learned from the Word of God and got in contact with SEARA missionaries that came to our village. I had a very difficult moment in my life when I decided to engage in a relationship with a non-christian man, which led to an early pregnancy. A lot of people and missionaries had talked to me about not making wrong decisions and being rebellious, but I sought my own way of life. Then we figure it would be best to get married. Life became very challenging after marrying someone that didn't believe the same thing and didn't like Christian and much less missionaries. But we had a turn around.

My husband started to hear and enjoy the word of God after becoming good friend with Renan Olimpio, our missionary, and he is now following Jesus. So did I with Jahvona Olimpio who was a source of encouragement and guidance while I struggle with my family challenges. Every time we needed help, they were there for us, and I love them as part of my family.

Many times, I thought about giving up, but God helped me to be strong and to seek for restauration and keep my family together. I have been through ups and downs, but now growing along side my family and my church in Tapira."

Message translated and adapted from a whatsapp audio.

Prayer request:

Please, pray that more families like Eluane's can experience God's transformation and salvation.

Pray that those families can be and open bible from which others can see Jesus.

Pray that the Olimpios may have wisdom to continue to support those families as they move forward.

Our input

We have been in the US for a couple of months and we felt like sharing with you about the people we've working with for the past 9 years of ministry in Brazil. I transcribed their testimonies responding to how was their Christian journey and how our ministry has impacted their lives.

Stories like Eluane's and her family are source of encouragement to us and missionaries and they should also be to you as a strong partner who has direct impact in this ministry. These are positive and successful accounts, but let's not forget that in other river villages they tried to hinder our work and tried to expel us from their presence. Those people don't know what they're saying no to. We pray and expect that the new generation of local Christians may play a great roll in those villages and bring salvation to many.

Jahvona, the kids and I are having one of the greatest times of our lives in the US by connecting as family like never before. You see, life in the mission field can be challenging and can put in jeopardy our relationships if we don't take care of it. That's what happened over the years and we no longer want to make the same mistakes.

Also, we've been able to connect with many friends and partners,

though them we have been very encouraged and loved. One example of that is Mercy Hill church, in Ohio, who has provided a beautiful house for us to stay while in the US. That has been such a blessing to us and a place of flourishing to good habits.

Very soon I will update you about the new chapters of our lives that are more exciting than ever! I couldn't finish this letter without thanking you for being with us for so many years and helped us to accomplish great things as the one above.

Please, let us know if you have time to get together with the Olimpios. We would love to pay you a visit soon while being in the US. You can call or text at 330 275 8216. Or you can send me and E-mail at Olimpio.1bygrace@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support and constant prayers.



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Bottom: church day in the US.

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