

Missionaries to Brazil: *The Leamans*

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Dear Friends,

We have been experiencing pain recently in Brazil. Shingles came to visit. My face swelled up nicely, especially around the eye. My vision is still blurry in one eye, but thankfully, the pain has not been overwhelming. I am now on the mend.

Brazil, however, is going through a painful and egregious time. The socialists have been in power for decades in Brazil. The effects of this governmental philosophy are now coming to the surface. Elected government officials have embezzled billions for personal

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gain or for winning elections. As should be expected, many citizens are now on the streets in protest. The current President has been impeached by the Lower House, and the Senate will vote within the next month. The economy has naturally taken a beating.

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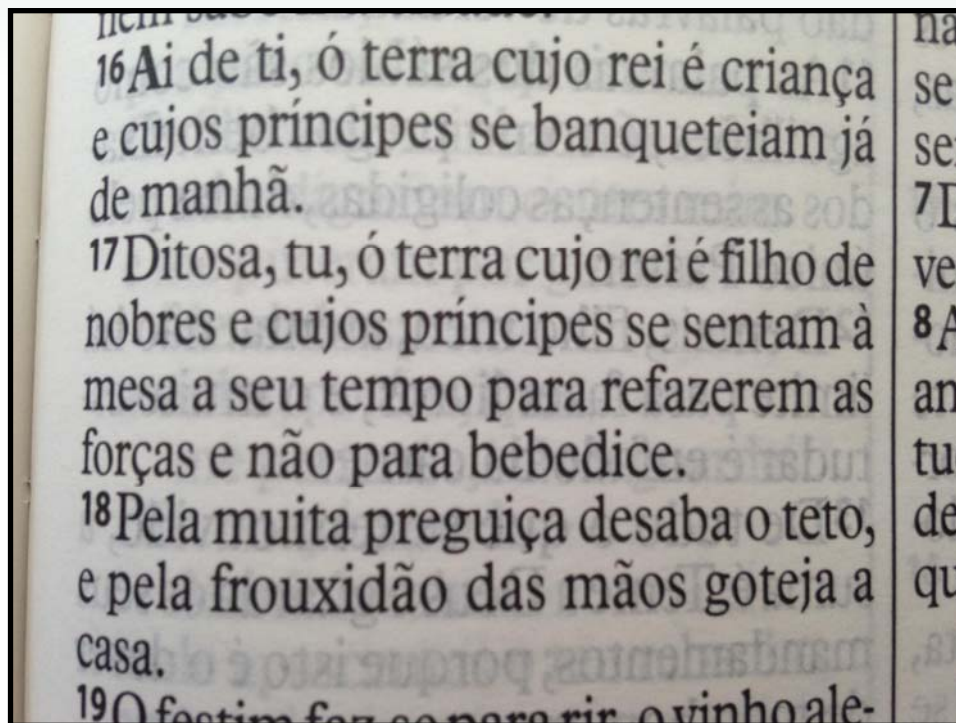
Friends and business owners have lost much of what they once had because of the standstill in the economy. The huge housing bubble burst last year causing construction to come to a halt. The nation has become so impoverished that there are little funds to provide for the state owned hospitals. In these conditions, doctors and beds are difficult to find. The hospital equipment and basic cleaning products are all lacking. This is all happening at the very same time that Brazil is experiencing record numbers of outbreaks of the mosquito-borne Zika virus and an influenza spike. The poor, especially, are the ones who suffer most for they have no savings, connections, or back up plans. It is difficult to remain silent when you face these pressing issues.

How does a missionary face this suffering on a personal and national level? We must remember that these woes are also wonderful opportunities. All the idols of comfort, government utopias, and health, wealth, and prosperity are crumbling to the ground. We can preach about the futility of idolatry a thousand times, but when people experience it, they are more apt to listen. This time of suffering is a great opportunity for the gospel and change in this nation.

God is sovereign through our suffering, and He is still our ever-present help and loving Father no matter what pain we are going through. Suffering must be met with this confidence. Suffering brings refining. It helps us lose the attraction that our hearts have for this world. Suffering helps us focus our hope in the promises of the gospel. The idolatrous illusions that so easily captivate the human heart often can only be dealt with by shattering disappointment.

Christ suffered, and so shall we. He rose victorious, and so are we raised victorious even now whether through the chaos of the nations or in the brokenness of our human body. In Christ alone, we stand victorious. This is a unique moment. Please pray that Christ will be proclaimed far and wide in this land and that this moment of suffering will be used for the building up of His Bride.

Rev. Doug Leaman



Ecclesiastes 10:16-17 "Woe to you, O land, when your king *is* a child, And your princes feast in the morning! Blessed *are* you, O land, when your king *is* the son of nobles, And your princes feast at the proper time— For strength and not for drunkenness!

***“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.”* Psa. 96:3**

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