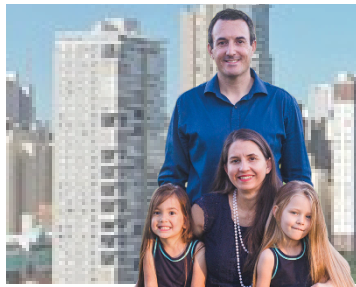


# *The DOUGLAS' Epistles*

## *July 2024*



Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

“He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.” Luke 6:48

How important is a firm foundation to you and me? It is very important for us to build our spiritual foundation on a Rock who is our Lord Jesus Christ. To build a good foundation, we need to dig deep in the Word of God so when trials and temptations arise, we will not shake because it was founded on the Rock.

There are many deaf that we meet saying they are Christians and going to church, but they have no spiritual foundation in Christ. Many churches teach false doctrines. Many deaf do not read and they believe whatever churches teach without knowing what the Bible really says.

I teach men every Saturday and encourage them to read their Portuguese Bibles. All of them could not read well or at all. But that does not make me take the easy way out and just let them watch me sign what the Bible says. I want them to read for themselves so the Lord may be magnified. Every week I see that they do not understand and every week they forget what they learned from the previous week.

One Saturday, a deaf man, Daniel, raised his hand excitedly and said, “I got it! The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit lives in us, which is God.” He has been coming for some weeks and he finally understood who God is. Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness. Please pray for his wife, Milena Nena, she still has some doubts about baptism. She understood the salvation and was saved a couple years ago but did not understand the meaning of baptism. She thought that she needed to be perfect and sinless before she could be baptized. That is what happens when deaf believe whatever people say without reading what God really says in the Bible.

Another deaf couple, Wilson and Gleima attend our discipleship class on Sunday evenings to learn about salvation and assurance. They told my wife, “We are not saved” and they want to be but do not understand. They got confused by different religions and what people say. Please pray for them to understand the meaning of salvation and embrace it as their own.

We believe that many deaf are still LOST and confused because no one takes time to explain to them who God is and what God did for us?

For several months, we have repeatedly explained salvation at church and at home. On Saturday, April 27, our oldest daughter told my wife that she is ready to be saved. So, my wife took time to explain again to make sure she understood clearly, and she understood and told the Lord Jesus herself in prayer. Following the hour on the same night, my younger daughter wanted to be saved. She admitted that she does not remember confessing to Jesus Christ and she believes she was not saved last year. She read Romans 10:9 and understood. She prayed a precious prayer then after, she opened her eyes and smiled! She said, “I feel something enter me, what is that?” My wife rejoiced and told her that it is the Holy Spirit that God gives you after you are believed and saved. What a precious moment to find my children trusting in Jesus Christ as their Lord!

In Christ Alone,

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