São José dos Campos, SP - Brazil **May 2026**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Dear family and friends,

The Lord's plans for our lives sometimes run against the plans we make for ourselves. As Christians, we are called to rest in Him and trust Him for the future, even when we cannot see what lies ahead.

At Haven of Hope, we try to understand the circumstances each of our students carries from home. One of those students is Sophia. She comes from a difficult situation: her parents abandoned her, and she now lives with her aunt, her grandmother, and an uncle. They are a simple family, and her grandmother and uncle help care for her. Her uncle was the one who faithfully brought Sophia to Haven of Hope and picked her up. Just before a major holiday here in Brazil, her uncle arrived a little earlier than usual. He asked how Sophia was doing, whether she was happy, and whether she was learning. That same weekend, he took his own life. For Sophia, it was as if the ground had been pulled out from under her. From our human perspective, it is hard to understand why a child so young should face so much, first abandoned by her parents, and now losing a loved one with no warning. Yet in the middle of this tribulation, we have had the opportunity once again to reaffirm to Sofia that the Lord has a perfect plan for her life, and that He loves her and cares for her deeply. It is a comfort to know that even when everything seems to go wrong, the Lord still holds a good plan for us. Please be praying for Sophia, that the Lord would comfort her, strengthen her, and draw her closer to Him day by day as she seeks Him.



Sophia

This month, Carmen organized a brunch for the mothers and guardians of our students. We also invited a local doctor as our guest speaker, and Carmen had the opportunity to share the Gospel with the mothers in a clear and personal way. The mothers loved the morning together so much so that they are already asking when the next gathering will be. Please pray that the seeds planted that day would take root, and that these doors into our students' families would stay wide open.

We are continuing to plan our furlough in the United States during the second half of this year. Thank you so much for your prayers, the Lord has been answering them in very tangible ways. We have already been able to secure a van to use during our time there, and nearly all of our lodging is arranged as well. We are now reaching out to churches and other groups where we can share about the ministry. Please continue praying that the Lord would open doors and bring us in front of as many people as possible, so that more partners can join us in this ministry.



Mothers brunch

Blessings,

Andrew, Carmen, Rebeka, Timothy and Deborah Pereira

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Pray with us — Andrew, Carmen, Rebeka, Timotheo and Deborah — Brazil — May 2026

1. Sophia, that God would comfort her and give her strength.
2. Plan our furlough for the second half of this year.
3. Students at Haven of Hope, that they would give their lives to Jesus and trust Him as their personal Savior.