

Update from Nathália in Belo Horizonte, Brasil

Discipleship - Larrisa, Paloma & Gabi



I have had the privilege of discipling these women for the past two years. It has been a unique and special opportunity for me. I have known Paloma and Gabi since they were 12 years old when we used to study the Bible together before church on Sundays. I was present on the day Gabi understood the gospel and surrendered her life to Christ. I met Larissa when she was a freshman in college and walked with her as she heard the gospel for the first time and gradually began to accept the Good News.

Today, they are three women who desire to be transformed into the image of Christ, to grow in intimacy with their Lord, and to make Jesus known to others. They are key leaders in our ministry today. Each of their lives has been a reminder to me of God's faithfulness.

Please pray for them to continue to grow in intimacy with God and that they would persevere in tribulations.



Many of you have already heard some of Larissa's story. She grew up in a Spiritist home and she got involved in our ministry when she was a freshman in college. She has always had a huge desire to know the truth and to have a relationship with God. It brings me great joy to share with you that Larissa has been interning with our ministry since January. She has been going to campus to meet students with our staff and has had the opportunity to be equipped to do ministry and be developed personally. Please pray for her during this season of internship, that she would make the most of this opportunity. **Pray that she would continue to learn how to rely on God and not on her own strengths. Also, pray for her to grow in the knowledge of her identity in Christ.**

Next Steps

I have worked for Campus Outreach for the past 8.5 years. I have spent these years engaging in evangelism and discipleship with college students. I am amazed at all the Lord has done through your prayers and support. When I first started, I had no idea how much I would love this job!

In the past two years, I began to experience signs of burnout and a lot of emotional exhaustion. Together with the leadership team, we realized the need for me to take a **Sabbatical** (or a "strategic withdrawal"). We are praying that this intentional and purposeful break from working on campus will allow me the time and space to return to full health. Honestly, I am feeling sad about being away from the students I love to spend time with and invest in. I am also fearful of the unknown that comes with this season. However, I am immensely grateful and privileged to have this Sabbatical opportunity. I feel very cared for by God and by the leadership team.

The plan is for me to take this Sabbatical from July 2019 to January 2020. I know I could not take this time of personal investment if it wasn't for your investment in my life and ministry. I am so thankful for you!

The leadership team has helped me think and plan for this time, here are the details and what I will focus on in each phase:

- Release and Relinquish (July) - 2 week conference on the Biblical perspective of sexuality
- Rest and Recover (August) - 1 month at Serra do Cipo, a city in the mountains
- Reflect and Refocus (September-November) - 3 months of intensive counseling at Oasis Counseling Center. Extended time alone with God, posturing myself to hear His voice
- Realignment and/or Reassignment (December - January) - 1 month in the United States to reconnect with friends. This phase doesn't necessarily imply a change in roles as much as a willingness to hold my current ministry with open hands. I will seek to review and reaffirm my calling.

I would like to ask you to do two things:

- Pray that I would find joy in being in God's presence and that He would renew my mind, allowing me to find rest in Him during this Sabbatical.
- Prayerfully consider giving towards my one-time support goal for this Sabbatical. I am trusting God to raise \$3000 to cover the costs I will face during this time. Thank you so much for all the gifts you have given to support me over the past 8.5 years!

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