

Light and A Voice

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Andrielle



The house didn't look promising. Andrielle was going door to door to sell Christian books just as Covid restrictions were being lifted in Brazil. Her courage evaporated as she looked at the imposing house. It was a large mansion surrounded by a high wall. She couldn't see over the wall. But through the wrought-iron gate, she could see the entrance of the house surrounded by tall, majestic trees.

Andrielle wanted to leave.

But her heart felt impressed to ring the doorbell at the gate.

She couldn't refuse or ignore the strong feeling.

"OK, Lord, I will go," she said.

"I'll ring the doorbell three times. But if no one comes out, I'll just leave. I'll have done my part."

Then she rang the doorbell.

No response.

She rang the doorbell again.

No response.

On the third ring, the door of the mansion cracked open to reveal a short, gray-haired woman.

Andrielle signaled for the woman to come closer.

She was sure that the woman would not invite her into the house. No one wanted visitors in their homes because of fears of contracting Covid.

The woman gave Andrielle a long look through the gate.

Then she waved a hand and opened the gate.

"Please, come in," she said.

She didn't ask any questions. It was so simple.

Andrielle entered the mansion and learned that the woman's name was Heidi. She was a retired teacher, and her husband was a wealthy landowner who owned many properties around the city.

Andrielle introduced herself and said she was selling books.

Seeing Heidi's interest, she told the story of redemption from beginning to end.

"After sin entered the world, Christ became flesh and dwelt among us," she said. "He came as a man to live amid all the evil. What He did gives us the right to eternal life. Soon He will come in the clouds



to catch us up and take us to heaven, where there will no longer be pain and suffering and death. I really, really want to live with Christ. I want you to be there as well. I want to meet you in heaven.”

Heidi started to cry. She had a story of her own to share.

“When you rang the doorbell, I didn’t want to let you in,” she said.

“But when I looked out the door, I saw a light shining around you, and a voice said, ‘Let her into the house.’ I never let strangers into the house. I never open the gate. But because of the light and the voice, I let you in.”

Heidi spoke of a hard life without any hope.

Despite her wealth, she had lacked love, peace, and joy.

She said she had tried to commit suicide four times, but her son had stopped her every time.

Then Andrielle had no doubt that it was God who had impressed her to ring the doorbell.

She told Heidi, “It was God who sent me here. He wanted me to tell you about the gift of salvation so you could have hope once again.”

From that day, the two women became good friends.

It was the day that Heidi realized for the first time that God loved her and wanted her to live for Him. 🌍

Pray that many people in Brazil will desire to prepare for Jesus’ soon coming with the help of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering. Part of the offering will help open a church for students at Pernambucano Adventist Academy, which is located in the region of Brazil where Andrielle lives. Thank you for planning a generous offering for this important project of hope.

Story Tips

- Show Brazil on the map.
- Download photos for this story from Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Know that today Andrielle is a 27-year-old missionary nurse preparing to fly to Palawan, Philippines, to share the good news that Jesus is coming soon.

Fast Facts

- Brazil contains 60% of the Amazon rainforest.
- More than one-fifth of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil has been completely destroyed, and nearly 93% of its Atlantic Forest has been cleared by logging.
- Of the 202 animals in danger of becoming extinct in Brazil, 171 are in its Atlantic Forest.
- Brazilian cuisine varies greatly by region, reflecting the country’s varying mix of indigenous and immigrant populations.
- Rio de Janeiro holds the world’s largest carnival, attended by millions of people, and held each year in the first week of March.
- In addition to beaches, landmarks in Rio de Janeiro include the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer on the top of Corcovado Mountain, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.
- The Amazon River flows through Brazil and is the second-longest river in the world, after the Nile in North Africa.
- Brazil forms a giant triangle on the eastern side of South America with a 4,500-mile (7,400-km) coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. It borders every country on the continent except Chile and Ecuador.