

Dear Sisters,

Your prayers and presence stormed heaven and earth. The almost impossible has happened. After a rather tumultuous trial, Vitalmiro Bastos de Moura was condemned to 30 years in jail for ordering Sister Dorothy's murder. It is a terrible feeling to send someone to jail for 30 years...but a good one to know that there is one less gunman hunting down the people in land and forest conflicts. There will probably be appeals, but they may not be honored. He has already had three trials.

Now we prepare for the April 30 trial of Regivaldo Pereira Galvão (Taradão). Lots will probably happen between then and now.

The trial ended after midnight...the feeling was one of relief. There were about 40 people from Anapu, most of our Sisters and so many other friends, religious, colleagues and companheiras. It is a major victory for the land situation in Brasil... I think he is the first crime orderer in jail and condemned.

We will keep you posted as we prepare for the next trial...also on all the happenings in between. The defense lawyers are more than creative. From Anapu we hope to have at least 4 buses...we thank already for your help and support. We know you pray and walk with us. We have lots of help here, but do so need your presence and support.

Thank you so much. The people here say the HOPE IS THE LAST TO DIE...and we keep on hoping.

Much love,
Your sisters in Brasil