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Dear Prayer Partners

Mat. 9:36a (KJB) But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them...

We arrived in Brazil with joy to be back on the mission field, but with heavy hearts as we stepped off the plane onto Brazilian soil, for we saw the multitudes and were quickly reminded of their lost and hopeless condition. The enemy wasted no time in trying to discourage us. We arrived at the church where we were to live for the next few months and found the conditions were not livable, the church had been unkept, fungus and black mold everywhere. We were very thankful that the national pastor allowed us to stay in his home while getting the church and a room fixed for us to live in. With tears and discouragement we went thru all our things from storage to see what we could salvage and had to burn the rest. After 2 weeks we were able to begin staying at the church. The rain and the cold came, the night burning of the sugar cane fields, and the black molds made us sick and were bedridden for 2 weeks. The Lord was so gracious to us and gave us the strength needed to get well. There is power in prayer and trusting a good and faithful God whom we serve with all joy!

We have been diligently working on the construction of the church, and we are excited to see God's work being done, and it is a great encouragement to the pastor here. We have cleaned up the grounds, put up a new sign, laid sidewalks, painted inside and out, now we are working on building another two rooms in the back for classes and prayer room. Another national church donated the sign, a sound box and microphone to the pastor here. That was a special blessing since the stuff had been stolen a few months back when the church was robbed. Please pray that the Lord would supply the needed finances to continue working on the church. We still have the floor that is needed, more blocks and ceiling material. Please pray for the establishing and organizing of the church by law. It will cost \$600 and then we will be able to ordain Bro. Messias over the work here.

We are trying to get as much done and ready for a special Evangelistic Day. We have a few pastors and people from other works from in the region that will be coming and helping us to pass out tracts and evangelize. That evening we will have a special crusade service with some good old fashion preaching and singing! A time of thanking the Lord for all He's done in this place.

At the end of August we are planning our first survey trip to Santa Catarina. We will be traveling to see where the Lord would have us to start other works. Please pray for safety in travel, finances, and for the Lord's will to be done. Pray with us about the repairs needed on our car from having a recent accident. The Lord was so gracious in protecting us, in what could have been a very bad accident. About 10:30 at night we were returning home from a visit, and a motorcycle was approaching us on our side. We had no choice but to go off the road which put the car in a spin, and hit a small tree. We landed in the perfect spot, before and behind us were much more dangerous! We need to make repairs to the messed up passengers side, broken windshield and water pump, before we travel. So please keep these things in prayer. We trust the Lord will provide all these extra needed expenses.

The Lord is already blessing in the medical ministry. My wife was able to visit with an elderly woman on her death bed to pray with her. She can't speak or move anymore and only blinks her eyes to communicate. We were able to give her the gospel and she responded with her eyes and at 92 yrs. of age she so wonderfully accepted Christ as Lord! On another occasion, my wife was asked to go see a man who was dying of leprosy. He had before accepted Christ but was worried for his family. We were able to give the Gospel message at his funeral; we praise the Lord for that opportunity. This part of the ministry opens many doors to reach the lost. It is a ministry that has constant needs of medicines, supplies and equipment. Will you please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you to be a part of supporting this part of the ministry monthly or donating care packages as a special project, for this great need.

We want to say a very special thank you to those who gave so graciously so that we could return to the field. We were reminded what a great God we serve! Also for the faithfulness of our supporting churches, and your prayers. And we thank you even now for those that will be giving toward the medical and construction work. All for His glory, as we labor together in His work!

Prayer Request: Construction work, Repairs to our car, Day of Evangelism, Organizing the church by law and ordaining Bro. Messias, Survey trip to the new area, Monthly supporters and supplies for the Medical Ministry.

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