

# THE MARTINEZ FAMILY- MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

Prayer Letter Nov.-Jan 2015

## **Dear Churches and Prayer Partners;**

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, Jeremiah 6:16a KJB God has blessed yet another year as we have walked in the good way, in the old path. Maybe this New Year will be the year of our Lords return, but until then we will keep to the old path, and continue on strong in His strength.

The work continues on here, and is growing. We have been blessed with frequent visitors. And the people are getting involved. In Oct. we gave a food basket to the one who brought the most visitors. In November us ladies baked bread for all our surrounding neighbors of the church and passed it out with a special invitation to our Thanksgiving service. We had 3 new visitors that came and the Lord blessed with one soul being gloriously saved! Fatima was visiting from Sao Paulo and we since have begun correspondence discipleship studies with her and have put her in touch with a Bible believing church in her area. Also in Nov. my wife, started a new ministry with the women on the streets. She shares the Gospel with them and shows compassion by hearing their stories, and leaves them a care bag. Pray for her safety as she has already once been assaulted by a man on the street years before. She is excited about getting the other ladies from the church involved in ministering on the streets as well.

In January we will be finishing up discipleship studies with 2 faithful church goers. They will be receiving certificates and joining the church as our first official members of the work here during our special anniversary service! We ask special prayer for Irma Tereza. She is one of our widows, and she has surrendered her life to missions. She will also be sharing her testimony and her calling with the church at this service. We will be starting a School of Missions for her and any others that the Lord sends our way to train for the work of the ministry! She has much work ahead as she prepares for Gods work!

We ask for continued special prayer for the church land and construction. Because of red tape in a foreign country they have not yet released us to be able to begin building just yet, but we pray soon. We still are needing to raise \$10,000 as soon as possible. We thank the churches that have responded with their special offerings toward this project. As of this month we have been in this house for 1 year and the owner continues to ask us to move, because we meet for church here. He will be raising the rent soon along with other cost that he has added for us to pay. Please help us raise the funds needed so that we can move

from here as soon as possible before anymore problems occur. Please pray for our protection as well, we went to pray over the land, as we do each week and we noticed that there was a (macumba ) witchcraft and curses set up on our land. We burned it and prayed God to put a hedge of protection around us and for God's blessings in this place. We have faced these kinds of obstacles before in the other work we started and built. Rocks thrown at us and threatening to burn the church down. But we serve a great God! And He watches over us and blesses in spite of the enemy!

In Dec. we were blessed with an Indian family coming by the house here for food and selling baskets. While here we talked with them about what tribe and language they are from, and even though they were not from the Guarani tribe we were able to communicate some with them and we were able to treat one of the children in the clinic. They spoke some Portuguese and another tribal language, we asked them to come back but we haven't seen them since. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to meet them and it just confirms even more in our hearts the future work He has for us among the Guarani tribes. We have been studying and doing a lot of research on the people and there way of life as well as the Tupi-Guarani language. Please pray with us as the Lord puts these things together for reaching them with the Gospel. Before returning back to the States we will be taking a survey trip into the tribes nearby us to see how the Lord would have us to minister to them.

We want to thank the Lord for answered prayer, we received 3,000 tracks and 100 sets of discipleship books from Liberty Baptist Ministries. We did not order them and do not know how we received it all, but by prayer and Gods hand. He knows our every need here and we know He will continue to supply all the literature that is needed and all the funds as well to build a church! He is always faithful. We thank all those that get involved, and allowing the Lord to use you in some special way to help us to reach the lost, we pray God bless you as we all serve Him together.

**Led By the Master,**

**Bro. Carmelo & Shannon Martinez**

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