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Missionaries to Brazil



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Dear Praying Friends,

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Our year is off to a running start, and we have a lot planned for the months ahead. Praise the Lord for the health and wherewithal to accomplish each task He has set in front of us!

One of the most exciting happenings we would like to report is our brand-new Theology Course we have begun with IBBI. Our church is in study mode and wanting to learn more about the Bible as we have moved from the milk of the Word to some meatier subjects. Please pray with us that this course helps our members to grow spiritually and as a church.

Up in the Amazon, Pastor Josivaldo has moved from Beruri to Anori where he has begun to re-plant an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church. We were able to help he and his family move there and get set up in their home, and now the real work begins with soul winning and church building repair. He has asked us for help with plaster, paint, wiring, etc. If you or your church would like to be a part of helping this young missionary's needs, please send your donation to the GPA under our name, earmarked for Josivaldo. 100% of those funds will be transferred to him. He stays accountable to us and we will be visiting him again soon to see the new church plant.

Our youngest daughter, Amelia, has met with the GPA President, Dr. Gary Moore, for her initial interview to become a missionary to Brazil. Her goal is to work with the children and train leaders to reach the youth of Lages. She will be attending her first classes at the National Meeting in Pennsylvania this fall, but for now continues to work here in our church. She will be organizing and leading a Children's Outreach in the next two months, and we would love to have your churches prayers for the young people that will be attending. This has the potential to bring in more families into our church as well as win many to the Lord. Please keep her in your prayers!

This past month I have been able to spend a large amount of time visiting the homes along the streets near our church location. I have passed out massive amounts of tracts and literature, but I've also been able to personally speak with many people about who we are and what we offer in the way of Bible studies. Pray that my efforts will bring souls to the Savior. That is my largest prayer request as I serve as your missionary. I just want to see people saved and growing in the Truth of God's Word. It will always be my main goal and heartbeat here in Brazil. I continue witnessing to our farming community as well as areas all around the city. I believe His Word has power and I need your prayers for strength and protection as I keep my feet to the pavement, or cobblestone roads, as we have here.

Sheri and I appreciate all of your Christmas offerings towards our ministry and those of you who gave from your hearts to further the cause of Christ here. You'll never know how much you all have blessed our family. Thank you and may God rain down blessings on each of you and your churches.

In the Service of the Saviour,

Mark, Sheri, & Amelia Edwards