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Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

I suppose one of the greatest moments of missions, is when we can report back to you about someone that has accepted Christ as their Savior. We met Dafni and Andre over two years ago and during those years we have held over a hundred different Bible studies and meetings with them in a group and as a couple in their home. In the beginning, Andre wanted little to do with the Scripture. He had his own pagan belief system and that was enough for him. But God had other plans. The Holy Spirit began drawing Andre and convicting him of his sin. We watched as this young man began to stay seated during the sharing of the Word of God to actively participating in asking questions and planning the next study. Eventually he and his wife asked Sheri and I to come to their home and hold a separate study with just the two of them, so we did.

In January of this year, we came down to our last course of our evangelistic study and once again, I laid out the entire Gospel to them. Dafni had already made a profession, but we were waiting on Andre to either accept Christ or reject Him. I led in the final prayer and began packing away my things when Sheri spoke up. We all kind of paused because she had posed a question to Andre about what he believed in for salvation. I quietly set my bag back down on the floor and Dafni paused setting out refreshments while we waited to hear what Andre was going to say. His eyes were wet with tears as he smiled and looked at Sheri and said, "I am okay, I will be with God for sure." We knew he was fighting the conviction, but we couldn't push it any further.

Well, two weeks ago I was on my way to a Bible study in another city, but I stopped by Dafni and Andre's house to drop off a book they wanted to read. Andre was in the middle of a meeting with some folks about his business so Dafni asked if she could speak with me. She told me that back in January when we left after that last evangelistic study, Andre had gone off by himself and repented of his sins and asked God to save him. **PRAISE GOD!!!!**

I have taken this entire prayer letter to tell you this story because over the course of the last two years it has taken your support, both financially and prayerfully, to see this man who believed in a pagan religion, finally understand Who Jesus is and WHAT He did on Calvary for him. Never underestimate the power of your support and prayers. We praise God for this new brother in Christ and want to thank each of you for helping us along the way to see it happen. God is so very good. We will continue in each of the other towns doing the same thing and desire your prayers for the people we are trying to reach as "fishers of men" here in Brazil.

In the Service of the Savior,

Mark and Sheri Edwards