

Dear Prayer Team,

January 5, 2009

We praise the Lord that He has given us strength to help the work here in Jundiá in many ways. As we mentioned in previous letters, it is now capable of being carried on totally by the national believers. We have experienced this moment before, but the excitement of it never grows dull. **You** (our prayer team) are a vital part of this moment through your prayers and sacrificial giving. **To God be the glory.**

God in a wonderful way has opened up a preaching point in the city of Cajamar. Our services have been attended by an average of 15 people. Although noone has accepted Christ as Savior yet, we see interest through the questions asked and expect in the near future to see souls saved. There are no other churches nearby, and we see this as an opportunity to reach the unreached. Yesterday, our son Jerrod brought the message from Genesis 22, the story of Abraham and Isaac and how God supplied the sacrifice. The second part of the message was explaining that for man's salvation, God supplied the sacrifice by sending His Son, Jesus. **Pray for the salvation of souls in Cajamar.**

On Sunday, December 28, our family had the opportunity to minister to a congregation in the city of Niteroi. We were able to encourage the believers and after the evening service, lead a lady and a young girl to Christ. **Please pray for this new work and Cristiane and Vanda, the two newest babes in Christ!**

John's has enjoyed good health. Whenever we see a problem we have been careful to address it quickly. We know that this has been the direct answer to all your prayers. **Thank you for praying for John's health.** John's two-year check-up is scheduled April, 2009 at Craig Hospital in Denver, Colorado. We will be making a quick two-month trip back to the States to make sure everything is fine. **Pray for our trip, and pray for John's check-up.**

FAMILY

It has been a joy to have our family together during this Christmas and New Years' season. Our 25th wedding anniversary on December 31 was very special, as we celebrated not only with our kids, but also with congregation in Niteroi. Jonna and Jerrod's trip back to the States is planned for the 7th of January, just two days away. Jonna will enter nursing school in Iowa, and will be missed greatly by us, not only here at home, but also in the work. Jerrod will continue his sophomore year at Faith Baptist Bible College. Josh plans to continue his teaching job here in Brazil and helping out with the new ministry. Jeanne will be working in the children's department in Cajamar, and also finishing up her sophomore year in high school. **Thank you for praying, our family (John, Bev, Joshua, Jerrod, Jonna, and Jeanne).**

Because He lives,

John and Bev Leonard and family