

Dear Prayer Team,

March 5, 2009

Since our last up-date on January 5, we have experienced several exciting moments and we are anxious to share them with you!

SALVATION

Your prayers for the salvation of souls in Cajamar have been answered! In January, we mentioned that there were some folk who were asking questions and were interested in accepting Christ as their Savior. Since then, a young girl, Stefanie, who we mentioned in our "snail mail" prayer letter, and also Tainá and Gylvana were saved. Just this last Sunday, John gave the Sunday School lesson on heaven, encouraged those who were not saved to do so, and guided them through the steps. Giliarde a 34 year-old factory worker, accepted Christ as his Savior. Yesterday, he came to our home to share with us the good news! John asked him if he had any desires or concerns, and he said, "Yes, please pray for my family. My wife and I are not getting along very well." Guiliarde also wanted to start a life of prayer, and John took him through a lesson on the importance of prayer and how to pray. We now have a core group of ten national believers. Keep up the good work! Thank you for praying.

BUILDING

John loves to build and not only goes around helping other missionaries with their projects, but usually always has at least one of his own. At the moment we are holding services in the home of a widow called Valdemir. She and her daughter are saved, but her son-in-law, Mauro, is not. We are very cramped in the living room and Mauro mentioned the desire to put a long, wide porch along the front of the house. This would be good for them, and most definitely good for our church services. One day when there was a larger crowd, We held a service out in the sun and John overheated and did not do very well. In recent days, we have received love and memorial offerings. We have purchased the material and there are some national men who are going to get together in their spare time and put it up. A sidewalk has also been made, and John no longer has to go through the mud in his wheelchair to get to the meeting place. Of course, everyone else is enjoying the sidewalk as well. The folks who attend send a warm thank you for what you are doing for them.

TRIP

God has allowed us to tie up a majority of the loose ends before our trip to the U.S. Our son, Joshua, will remain here in Brazil to work and take care of the new preaching point in Cajamar. Thank you for praying for us as we travel Monday, March 9-May 27, and for Joshua as he takes on the full load. Pray also for us as we have a BUSY two and 1/2 months planned. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

For Him,

John and Bev Leonard
Joshua, Jerrod, Jonna, Jeanne