

the *daniel* family

*“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain; ye are yet in your sins.”
1 Corinthians 15:17*

taking the light of *Christ* to brazil

March 2, 2010

Dear Ministry Partners,

We want to start by praise the Lord that we have been here in Brazil for two years now. On February 28 we celebrated the 2-year mark as missionaries in Brazil. We're extremely grateful for God's provision and leading in our lives up until now.

We give thanks to God that Christ is raised from the dead and we are not in our sins. The verse at the top of the prayer letter this month is one that not only we can personally apply, but some others as well.

Since we last wrote to you a few people have made professions of faith in Christ, the risen Christ, and they are no longer in their sins. That is, they now are alive spiritually and know that they have eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Melissa helping with VBS craft

the VBS this year. During VBS several children took an interest in the Gospel and Melissa and Erin were able to talk with several of them which professed faith in the risen Christ. Praise the Lord that the Gospel is simple enough for even children to believe. Please pray for these young new Christians. As we've mentioned before, most of the children and teens who come to church come on their own, without their parents. These will need special encouragement to continue growing in their relationship with Christ.

Melissa and Erin had another opportunity as well last month to share the Gospel to the boyfriend of one of the ladies in the church. They intended to go visit Celma and encourage her because her boyfriend, Eduardo, had left

her. Celma was discouraged and needed some advice. Celma and Eduardo have been living together for 14 years and have two children. He has never been interested in getting married. She has wanted to, knowing it is the right thing to do as a Christian. But he was not a Christian. On this particular day Melissa and Erin went to comfort Celma, but Eduardo was back. He apparently came to the "end of the rope" and wanted to get things right. Our wives encouraged him to talk to their husbands later that evening but Eduardo didn't want to wait. He was ready! He put his faith in Christ that day and there has been an evident change in his life. Praise the Lord! It seems that our wives are getting in on the good stuff lately. I would be a little jealous but we're all on the same team anyway.

Well, Eduardo and Celma will get married on April 24. This is one of those situations in which I've seen a change in the entire family. Before this, Celma walked on pins and needles, very nervous and fretful. Now she is more calm than I've ever seen her. She's very happy about Eduardo's new life. I have been doing discipleship studies with them the past several weeks and Eduardo is always prepared, having done his lessons ahead of time. He remarked that before Celma talked to Him about the Bible and God but he didn't understand and now he understands. Praise the Lord that Eduardo has believed in the risen Christ and his faith is not in vain.

I would like to ask that you please pray for the following people who Melissa and I are currently discipling:

1. Edja and Erika (two sisters)
2. Eduardo and Celma

The construction of the wall has begun at the property in Cidade Tiradentes. We're excited to see some progress there. Please continue praying for this project. For updates, visit www.engagetheprojects.blogspot.com.

I would like to inform our supporting churches that we will be in the USA from June through August. If you'd like to schedule us to report in your church please contact us for booking a date. We'd love the opportunity to let you know what's been going on the last 2 years that we've been in Brazil.

Taking the Light of Christ to Brazil,

Josh Daniel

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