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August 2009 Newsletter

Dear Ministry Partners,
Greetings from São Paulo! I am thrilled to write this letter to you to let you know what the Lord has done recently. I mentioned in my last letter about a Couple's Dinner that I would be speaking at. The dinner was fantastic. The meeting went very well and I really felt at liberty preaching some of the principles of God's Word on marriage and family. The couples were very attentive and seemed to receive the message well. There were couples who were separated and even one couple in which the husband confessed to have never said "I love you" to his wife. Well, on the night of the dinner he did tell her that he loved her. She was obviously happy! I've been invited back to the church to speak again in September and look forward to this opportunity as well.

We hosted a Medical Missions Team from the USA last week. Six people came to care for physical needs of people and share the Gospel of Christ. We had a packed schedule and it was an exciting week.



The team arrived in São Paulo on Saturday, August 8 and I met them at the airport and we flew to Brasilia. Then, we rented two cars and drove to Barreiras, Bahia (a 7 hour road trip). The next morning we started the medical clinics, followed by a Sunday evening church service.

For five days we held medical clinics, including special services in the evenings, with one day in the public schools to present Bible stories, songs, and the Gospel. We were welcomed into the schools without any problems and we were permitted to share as much as we liked. What a blessing! Myself and fellow missionary, Jonathan Mathews, translated testimonies, songs, etc. and many children made professions of faith in Jesus Christ in the schools. We praise the Lord for the opportunity and the fruit that we saw there.



As far as the medical clinics are concerned, they ran very smoothly and we saw mostly basic cases. One thing that really sticks out in my own mind is the amount of people who came through the clinic

that were depressed. Especially in a small village, São José about 1 hour outside of Barreiras. Numerous people came through wanting antidepressants as well as calming medicines for nerves. The village lies in bondage to Satan and it was evident in many of the faces of the people. Obviously we didn't have these medicines to give out, but we did have Jesus Christ to offer and the peace that passes all understanding. Many people only wanted medicine and not the Gospel. But they heard the Gospel regardless and some gave their lives to Christ.



In another small town, Riachão das Neves, we set up a clinic in a church that only has 15 members (5 of which are the pastor's family). On that particular day 161 people attended the clinic and 60 received Christ as their Savior. The pastor was thrilled to be a part of God's working on that day! We ended our week back here in São Paulo with one clinic and special service. **A total of 613 people came through the clinics. Including the clinics and the evangelistic services in the evenings, a total of 158 people professed faith in Christ!** It is overwhelming to even consider what God did last week. I am still amazed. I prayed for 50 people to accept Christ and God tripled it!



The chapter from the Bible that I read over and over throughout the trip was Psalm 86 and one verse really sums up the results that we saw. Psalm 86:5 says, **"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."**

Praise the Lord for the 158 precious souls who found forgiveness and mercy last week. The Lord truly is good! I ask that you please specifically pray for the new converts and the laborers who will be going after them to disciple them. Also, the laborers there now have hundreds of contacts to visit as well. Pray that even more fruit will come from the ministry and that this fruit will abound.

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