

the *daniel* family

taking the light of *Christ* to brazil

Report on our trip to Bahia
in December 2009

Dear Ministry Partners,

As we mentioned in our last letter, we spent the month of December in Northern Brazil, in the state of Bahia. We would like to update you on what went on there. Before we do, we would like to thank each of you who prayed for us and our trip there.

At the last minute our plans changed from making the 20+ hour trip in our car to flying. It definitely made the trip easier in the plane, as you can imagine with the three kids. We flew to Brasília and took a 8 hour bus ride to Barreiras, Bahia. We are grateful for an uneventful trip there and for safety.



From the beginning we were involved in various activities. First of all, there was a baptism in São José, where 11 new converts were baptized. It was a great day as we took most of the people from the church in Barreiras out to São José and made a day of it. We had the baptism, a churrasco (Brazilian BBQ) and then a church service at night. **To the left are pictured Paulo and Jorge, two men from the church in Barreiras.** It was a blessing to notice the difference in Jorge's life from August to December. In

August, I met him at the medical clinic and shortly after he became a believer. When we arrived in December I noticed immediately the evidence of Christ in his life. Paulo (top photo) is very desirous to tell others of his faith in Christ and is praying for his unbelieving wife to become a believer.

The day after the baptism the national missionary of the churches there returned to Sao Paulo to spend time with his family and we stayed to fill in for him in his absence. Melissa stayed busy teaching children's classes several times a week in the two churches. It was challenging handling all of the kids by herself but the kids loved her, her Bible storytelling and the Bible songs that she taught them.

In Barreiras she held a gathering for all of the teen girls of the church, in which 12 attended. She spoke to the girls about the importance of purity and many had never been taught these important things from God's Word. They all



listened well and were thankful for the evening. She also headed up a special meeting for the ladies of the church and encouraged them how to live rejoicing in every day life. They all enjoyed it and were challenged from God's Word. Each of them responded positively and with a desire to obey God's Word. Praise the Lord for their desires to obey.

I was able to preach several times a week in services plus hold morning prayer meetings three times a week. It was a great blessing to see the hunger of the people to learn and obey God's Word. A highlight of our time was spending Christmas there. We held a Ceia (Christmas dinner) at the church on Christmas Eve, which turned out to be a real blessing. Although the gifts were rather small in value, everyone who participated did so with much joy in their hearts just to be able to give. What a great lesson to learn at Christmas—the joy of giving just as God gave His only Son!



Another blessing came when I met a deaf boy, Douglas, across the street from the church. I also met his friend (**pictured to left**), who knows no Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS). Fortunately, I had taken a LIBRAS book with me to study. I gave it to the deaf boy's friend so that he could learn some signs. He was thrilled and started studying it right away. His deaf friend was happy, too. He said that he would help him learn. I invited

them to the church and left them with Gospel tracts. Pray that they will put their faith in Jesus Christ.

May God bless each of you in this New Year!

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