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Prayer Letter

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Brazil Update

Pastor Ageu & Riza, Feijo, Acre



The Indian tribe 5th Year anniversary service

We praise the Lord that the activities in the church here in Feijo are returning to some sort of normality. Many people in our town have now received their vaccines. We have commenced visitation and outreach in the town and surrounding areas and just recently celebrated 50 years of the work here in Feijo. Many people attended the thanksgiving services and the special conference entitled, "Challenges for the church in difficult times". God has blessed the work here over the years and many have come to know the Lord in a personal way.



The Church anniversary service

Over the past 5 years we have been travelling into the Shanenawá Indian Tribe. We continue to have services each week along with the children's and youth ministries there. Praise the Lord that quite a number of these indigenous people have trusted Christ. Please pray for further opening and opportunities for the gospel in this region.

Please pray for our region. Many people are sick with a virus including our children. It's not Covid but a sickness that they think has come from polluted drinking water.

Altina & Jonas, School Ministry, Manaus, Brazil

On the 7th July we were delighted to be able to get back into the schools again after many months of pandemic. We are in Izabel Angarita School and Joaquim Gonzaga School. Classes have been divided up into smaller groups. We have one group Monday and Wednesday and the other group Tuesday and Thursday.



Some teachers in the Izabel Angarita School are unhappy with us coming in and we want to pray that God will soften their hearts. We have no problem in the other school. They receive us with warm open arms. We ask specific prayer for the Ramos Leite School where we once were able to evangelise. The school Principal said she would arrange times for us to come into the school, but she hasn't got back to us.

Pastor Walkenio & Hadassa, Montanas, NE Brazil:

During the past number of months we have witnessed the blessing of God upon the work here. A number of people have trusted the Lord and we give the Lord thanks for this. Some have matured more quickly than other in their newfound faith. We have discipleship classes for them and we have encouraged them to serve the Lord faithfully. Please pray for Otony, Celma, Jackson, Piedade, Deilson and Fabiana. Also remember Ana, Deyvison and Ingrid. We are now planning a baptismal service in the coming weeks. Each month we have a Gospel outreach in someone's home at different parts of the town. Last month we were in the home of Deilson & Fabiana.

Please pray for Joao Baptista who has been attending our services. Pray that he will come to an understanding of the Gospel and give his life to Christ.

We have been praying about purchasing a piece of ground in the town to build a church on. The land that we had hoped to buy was sold recently. We are now looking elsewhere. We are resting in the knowledge that God knows all things and all things are under His control and in His time.



Pastor Luiz & Aldeniede, Passa é Fica, NE Brazil

Due to limited space in the garage that we rent for the church, we have not resumed our children's ministry yet. We are hoping to move into the new church building soon. There are still some small things that need to be finished in it and then we will move there. We have to lay the floor in the main church and complete another bathroom and finish the kitchen.

Please pray for Geovani who attends the meetings and also Dona Lucinda. Pray that soon they will come to know the Lord personally. We have also been doing bible studies with Francisco, Eliane and Sofia. Please also pray for Laura, Lucia, Neves, Neco, Brás, Messias and Galego who are unsaved and attend the meetings frequently.

Pray for our Radio Programme on Sundays from 7-8am. Many unbelievers listen in.



Our Family



Picture above is the new church building and the picture to the left is the Ladies Ministry

Pastor Iran & Socorro, Campo Redondo, NE Brazil



The work here in Campo Redondo has been developing even during the pandemic. As you have witnessed on the news, 584,000 people have died and 21 million have been infected with the Covid virus here in Brazil. We are thankful to the Lord that things in the Northeast are improving and only 5 people have died in our town recently. We had gone 120 days without having face to face services. We were using social media to communicate with the church members and friends on Sundays and Wednesday nights for the Bible Study. We also use WhatsApp every day to keep in touch and telephone those who do not have access. God has been at work in lives and recently 3 people have trusted Christ. Pray for them, Douglas, Filipe and Ronaldo. I continue with the radio programmes. They recommenced back in June.

A number of weeks ago we had a baptismal service when 11 people were baptised. God is at work in our area! We have now commenced face-to-face church services only on Wednesday and Sunday nights. We are also commencing the services in Lauro Maia, our outreach in the country. We are also doing an outreach programme distributing food to the needy in the area.



The work in Malhada Vermelha is also on social media and the brothers there are taking responsibility for the meetings.

The work in Serra Do Doutor is growing and we are so thankful to the Lord for the gift of money to build the new church building. The work is nearly complete. We are plastering the walls and putting in the floors, bathrooms and kitchen presently. We hope to be able to open this new building to the Glory of God very soon. Pray that this will make an impact on this needy town.



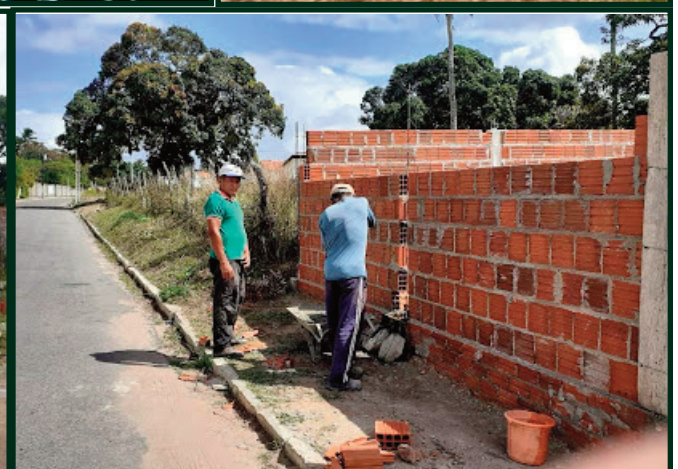
Pastor Junior & Christina, Nissa Floresta, NE Brazil

We are very happy that the church services are beginning to return to some sort of normality with a good number attending the face-to-face services. Recently a teenager called Cecilia accepted the Lord and also a man called Jose. He had cancer in his stomach but is undergoing further tests. We are going to be holding a baptismal service in the next number of weeks. Pray for Edson, Joana Darque, Carlos Junior, Sterfany and Jose as they go through the waters of baptism. Pray that this will have an impact on their friends and families also. Christina has returned to teach after the pandemic. Pray for protection both for her and the students. We continue to help out in the work in São José do Mipibu.



Pastor Abraam & Pricilla, São José, NE Brazil

We are glad that restrictions have eased, and we can now visit people in their homes again. Construction of the new church continues. We have now the boundary wall completed and they have started to do the block work of the church building. We are thankful that brother Erivan has recovered from Covid and is now back building for us. We are hoping to get the roof on in the next couple of weeks and start our services inside the construction. We continue to have services on the land every week in the openair. Please pray for all the aspects of the ministry and outreach here. The children's ministry hasn't commenced again yet as many parents are still afraid to send their children. Please pray for Richardo who attends the meetings. He has a big alcohol problem and his son is heavily involved in drugs. Pray also for Ana Patricia. She lives beside the bar that her mother owns.



Pastor Marcio & Luziânia, Lajes Pintadas, NE Brazil



We are thrilled to have joined the work of MEA and to be able to work here in Lajes Pintadas. During the months of July and August we were busy with meetings. We had a baptismal service with 4 getting baptised and coming into membership in the church. We also had a blessed 21st anniversary service for the work here. On Father's Day in July, we had a breakfast for all of the church. The work out in Bom Destino has also recommenced.

Please remember Justina (picture left) in prayer. She attended an evangelist outreach that we had in one of the homes recently. Her husband forbids her to be involved with the church. Thank you for all your prayers for us here.

Pastor Diego & Suzanna, São Paulo do Potengi, NE Brazil

July was a very special month for us here as Suzanna and I celebrated 10 years of marriage but also celebrated 10 years working with the MEA here in São Paulo do Potengi. It has been such a privilege!

We have recently commenced a reading group in the church as we noticed that many people were not reading their bibles. We are now reading the Word together and making notes.

We were sad that Julia, who was the first convert here in the work in this town, went home to be with the Lord recently after battling cancer for some time. We visited her every week and shared the word and prayed with her. I was able to share at her funeral and pray that the Gospel message will bring forth fruit in lives. We are recommencing the children's work in the church. We value prayer as we try to get the children back after such a long time. We are hoping to invite the children to our son's birthday party and through this invite them along to the meetings.

Every Saturday I still travel to Lajes Cabugi to conduct outreach on the streets and in some of the homes. Pray for Jerome and Elioneide as we try to encourage them there. We have been well received and believe that God is working through the Gospel message there. We ask you to specifically pray that God will call someone to carry out this work. We need someone full time in this town. I hope to share the burden of this work with the Bible College students in Natal in the coming weeks.



Pastor Adriano & Maria, Varzea, NE Brazil

We give God praise for those that have recently come to know the Lord through the witness here in Varzea. Please pray for our young people. We pray that God will raise up those to go into the spiritual harvest fields to serve Him. Pray that we will be able to buy instruments for the young people to play music in our church. Pray also for the children's ministry as it recommences after the pandemic.

We are planning to evangelise a town 22km for us here called Goianinha. It has a population of around 27,000. We are also working in Espírito Santo. I recently met a couple from Goianinha and together we have been sharing the gospel in this needy town. Their names are Danilo and Joice. We are also looking to rent a building in the town to hold services.



Pastor Plinio, Sena Madureira, Acre, Brazil

The work here in the main church in Sena and the outlying congregations, has given us much encouragement over recent weeks. With restrictions easing, we have returned to the various outreaches every month. We go to encourage the leaders of these works and have fellowship with them. The radio ministry also brings blessing with people requesting home visits and receiving Christ as Saviour.

Raimundo Nonato: Market Outreach , Manaus

Just recently I celebrated my 80th birthday. The Lord has been good to me over many years, and I want to give Him praise. My heart is still burning for the souls of men and women. We are now returning to work in the market after the pandemic stopped all outreach. I have had my vaccines and on 15th September, I will get the 3rd dose. Please pray for me and the ongoing outreach each day.

Eliane, School Ministry , Manaus

I have been ill with covid and have had to have numerous tests done over the past few months. I am a lot better now but still need your prayers for a full recovery.

On 2nd September I go to meet the new principal of the school that I teach the bible in. They also have a number of new teachers. Please pray that they will continue to allow me in each week. The following week I will return to the Joaquin da Silva High School to commence classes there. Please pray that the doors will continue to open for this ministry.

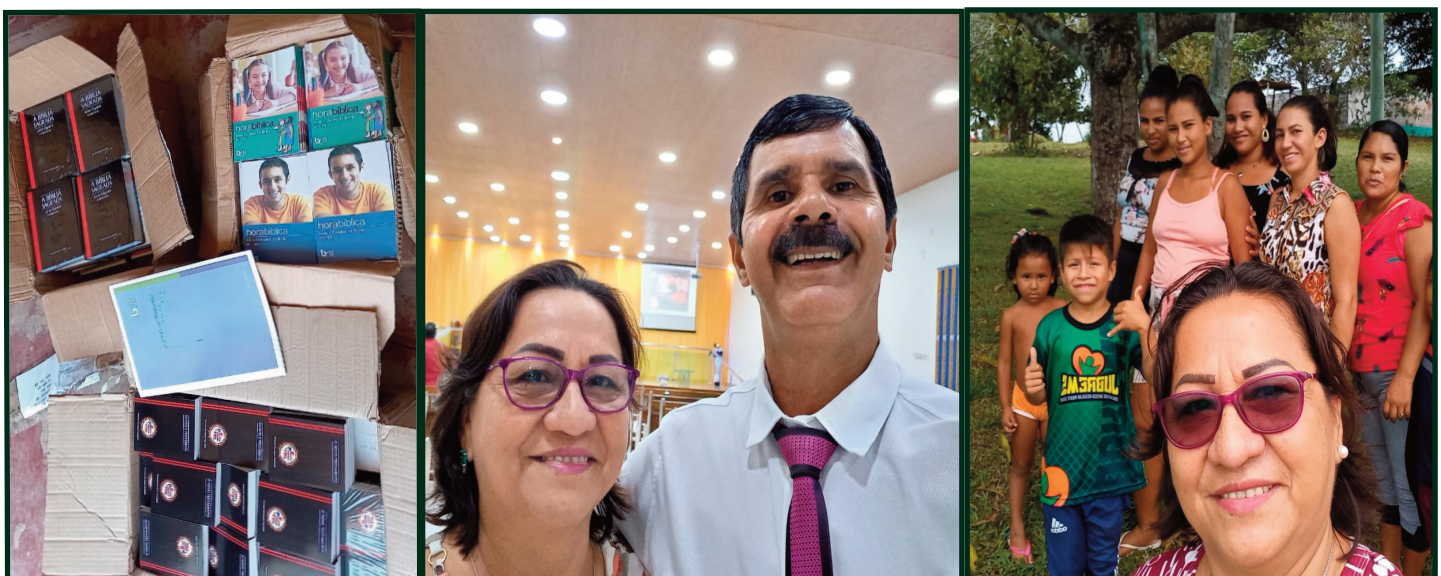
Dr Tom & Lucimar Geddis

Tom & Lucimar have had the opportunity to buy and send literature and Bibles to a number of Pastors and mission workers in Brazil. Here is a report from one Pastor.

Pastor Joaquim, Tefé, Amazonas

He writes, "I was born in Sena Madureira and attended the church where James & Dorrie Gunning were. In 1976 I trusted the Lord through the preaching of Jack Bennett and in 1980 attended the Baptist Seminary in Amazonas. In 1983, I married Onira. After completing Bible seminary, we returned to pastor the church in Sena. Currently we work in Tefé, where we have three congregations in indigenous villages and three riverside communities aswell as the church in the town.

In July we received Bibles, New Testaments and lots of other literature donated to us through Dr Tom and Lucimar. We ask that you will pray for us as the work is great and the labourers are very few. On 22nd September we will travel on the river to some new areas to evangelise. We value your prayers and fellowship in the Gospel."



*We want to welcome **Mr Peter Moore**
into the work of the mission here at the home end*

Peter will oversee all of the media, website and video ministry and will lead our Acre Youth work "Revive" along with Jeff & Marianna Ferguson. Please pray for this ministry.

Jeff & Marianna and Peter along with ourselves will be available for deputation meeting, Ladies and Men's meetings, Pulpit supply and Children's ministry.

Please contact us: Keith & Karen Lindsay - 02897563200 or 07710506939; Jeff & Marianna Ferguson: 07724220565; Peter Moore: 07876685650.



Northern Ireland Outreach



Thank you to all who prayed for our two outreach teams during the summer here in Northern Ireland. We had amazing opportunities to distribute just over 4000 "Hope" magazines in homes. These were glossy colour magazine produced by Good News for Everyone (Gideons UK). We also distributed two Gospel booklets produced by Pastor Geoff McIlwrath entitled "Why the Cross" and "If I could ask God for one thing". Please pray for the good seed sown.

Killyhevlin Autumn Break
15th – 18th November 2021
(Details through the office)

Christmas Praise Night



Saturday 27th November at 7.30pm
in the
FAITH MISSION CENTRE
Portadown
Taking part
Tamlaghmore Silver Band, Testify
and others
More details later.



Please remember the Acre Zoom Prayer Meetings

First Monday of each month at 8pm

The codes are - Meeting ID: 4350810967 - Password: 150967

MISSION MATTERS

Interviews with the missionaries: 3rd Monday each month at 8pm.
Acre International Facebook Page.

Pastor Carlos Souza Manuel Urbano, Acre

We are starting to recommence face to face activities in the church now after the pandemic. We are also returning to our outreach in the home of Luiz, in Arês, outside the town. We plan to have these meetings at least once a month for those living in the remote areas. Recently this brother and his wife applied for membership of our church. The photograph shows the last time that we were in his home for the meeting. Pray for unsaved who also attended.

A number of young people have come back to the Lord recently. Please pray for a young man called Aldejani who has been going through a very difficult time in his life. Pray also for a young man called Luizinho who recently said that he felt cold at heart and that he was very much disconnected to God. He is now a very changed young man and involved in the work with us. Pray for Alex, he also went away from the Lord during the pandemic but returned to the church a few weeks ago and rededicated his life to God.

As always, we make ourselves available to these people and try to get alongside them and support them, so that they develop and mature in the Christian faith. We are also helping families with food and other practical means.

Presently we are doing some much needed maintenance to the church building. Thank you for your prayers and support.



MY RESPONSE

- I would like to receive your monthly prayer letter / magazine
- I would like a gift aid form
- I have enclosed a gift of £..... to help present the Gospel message to the millions of people in Brazil, Portugal, Lanzarote and Northern Ireland.

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