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Dear Brethren,

Not many days now, and if the Lord allows, we will be boarding the plane headed stateside for furlough. We are looking forward to visiting some of you during this time. We have scheduled 5 meetings already between January and April. If you would like to mark a time for us to come, please contact us via the email address above, or telephone us at the above number up until December 7. We leave here on December 8, and as of yet don't have a fixed place where we will be residing during furlough. Pray with us about our needs for this time. We want this to be a profitable time both for us and for you, our brethren, who support and pray for us.

We are finishing up the last details on the church building, and Pastor Rubens is back and preparing to assume the church until our return in July, 2005. Pray earnestly for them and for a smooth transition for the Maranatha folks.

In September we celebrated one year since the commencement of this new work. We have a nucleus of around 25 people who have "stuck" with us and we have seen several make professions of faith during this year. One lady, Ivanilde, was saved several months back and Rhonda goes weekly to her house for Bible-study. She is growing in the Lord and we are praying for the salvation of her husband.

In October the ladies of the church planned a big program for Children's Day and we had around 140 children present for this occasion. Everything was based around "Gospel Willie" from the sun visors that the children made, to the cookies the ladies made for refreshments. We have seen growth in Sunday School from this effort.

November 2, (All Saints day) four churches went to the cemetery to pass out cold water and tracts to those visiting the graves of their loved ones. We gave out some 3,000 tracts and over 35 gallons of water. We always have a good reception and pray for the "germination" of the Seed sown in the minds and hearts of those who read the tracts.

There is much to do here yet. The people are becoming more difficult to reach. Materialism and immorality seem to be the premiums of life. The devil uses whomever he can to steal the planted seed from the hearts of the people. Pray seriously for the brethren and leadership here.

The Bible Institute has completed its first semester with 6 students. We will have a three-month interval and then the second semester will begin. Pray for more students to enter in this next semester and for the Lord to supply teachers to take our place while we are gone. This is an important ministry to prepare leaders for our churches.

We look forward to seeing you soon and praise God for each who has labored with us to keep the Light here in the darkness. God bless you and use you to do the unusual for His glory. May you all have a wonderful Christmas season filled with His love and peace in your lives and churches.

In Him for the Amazon,

Jim and Rhonda  
Hebrews 6:10