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Southwestern Brazil**



PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE CHURCHES

**F**or a local church to be spiritually encouraged in the work of the Lord, the members must be actively taking the Gospel to individuals locally and around the world. This must not be done in the flesh but through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the essence of a local church's endeavor. It honors God, it causes the church to grow (for God's power is at work) and the members are edified, bringing about encouragement. This is happening in the Independent Baptist Church of Benevides, the First Baptist Church of Pau D'Arco and in the Bible Baptist Church of Cândido Mendes, Maranhão. Praise be to Almighty God.

### THE TRAINING OF BRAZILIAN LABORERS

**P**astor Josias Almeida is doing a great job in the IBBN, the Bible Baptist Institute of the North's Modular system of study. Brazilian pastors and missionaries are coming from distant states and from cities in the great state of Pará to teach. Others are, of necessity, teaching via Zoom and other means to help prepare the students in God's Word. At the present time, another deadly Corona virus strain has invaded a number of areas of Brazil, including all the major cities of the state of Pará. Other areas staggering with this new wave are São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Manaus and some cities in Maranhão. Our Brazilian missionaries in four of these areas are facing serious circumstances. Please be in prayer for God is able to protect these as He has protected us. Thank you for your prayers!

### CAMPS AND SPIRITUAL RETREATS

**W**e are praying that it will be possible to have in-person July Christian camps this year. God has greatly blessed in past years with souls being saved and lives surrendered to Christ's Lordship. Many of the full time workers throughout our churches and their ministries surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus as a result of these ministries. Please pray for God's mercy and will to be done.

### HEALTH NEEDS

**M**ary and I are needing to consult with medical doctors in the coming months, both here in Brazil and, during our short visit to the United States in June. God has been so very merciful and good to us over the years although Mary has suffered with multiple physical difficulties most of her life. She is such an influence in peoples lives, especially here and, particularly in my life as I see the problems she deals with on a daily basis. We both covet and need your prayers.

### THANKFULNESS

**O**h how Wonderful and Gracious is our Lord! If we can encourage you in any thing, let it be this: Continue or, start serving God with all that you are and have. Give to Him your all and, give it to Him every day. He will never fail you and He will always fulfill His promises to you. No matter what He calls upon you to do, do it with a grateful heart. He will never leave or forsake you. Tell those you come in contact with how very loving He is. Tell them what He has done for you. We are eternally grateful for what He has done in and through our lives and, He has used an integral part of your local church ministry, that is, of your giving and praying, to benefit our and other missionary's lives around the world. Over the years, many have asked us to say thanks you for making it possible for them to hear the Gospel. Of a truth, you have prayed and, do pray, for us. You have given through your church to send and to keep us on this mission field to be a witness of His amazing Grace. Christ gave Himself, His life's blood, so that each of us could know His Father and spend eternity with Himself. He is our God.

May God protect you, guide and use you to the fullest. He is the Faithful and True and He ask for us to be faithful too.

**For His glory,**

*Bill and Mary*

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