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*Dear friends,*

It is good to be in touch again as so much has happened which we would like to share with you. The New Year started with a testimony evening which was especially blessed. All the church family took part, sharing verses of Scripture or singing and then the Word was preached. We all had so much to thank God for. We have quite a few ladies whose husbands drink or mistreat them so it was especially touching to hear how the Lord has upheld them. We then stopped at 11:30 to watch the fireworks display over the river from the manse window, and then had a barbecue together in true Brazilian style till the early hours of the morning. The only thing Jenny didn't relish was being caught in a traffic jam and getting home at 2:45am!! She was thankful that Amy slept through it all.

## **PROJECT CENTURION**

A few years ago now UFM decided to bring together those with practical skills to help in various mission needs around the world. We will be welcoming a team of 4 men in February with the hope of giving a real boost to the completion of the manse. **We know already so many of you have given VERY generously to this project and want to thank you for that.** We believe the work will go forward once someone is living there and can invest significant time and energy in the area. The work outstanding includes:

- Cementing all the mud floors
- Plastering the inside and outside walls,
- Electrics
- Installing plumbing, bathrooms and kitchen sink
- Hanging doors and windows



We don't expect this small team to be able to do all the work. There are men from the church who are ready and eager to help for the whole fortnight as well. It will be great to see how the team gel, overcome language barriers and work together. We were quite challenged the other week but also sad to see the Jehovah Witnesses put up their own building near by in just 45 days. They were organised, efficient and very hard working, with women and children involved.

## **CHURCH PLANTING IN SAO PEDRO**

The church work continues with outreach to children on Tuesdays, and morning and evening services. Álvaro is visiting in the week, and we are praying about the purchase of a second hand motorcycle, a very basic model which needs no licence to drive. Please pray especially for **Álvaro's family** who leave home on Sundays at 7 am to take the morning service. Numbers are very small, though the Lord is bringing a good group at night. Church planting needs lots of faith, patience, hope and perseverance, so this is a good training ground. Please do pray with us as to who should live there. **Clovis** is very keen, but **Celina** his wife has a number of reservations, not wanting to leave her older children, **Francisca (27)** and **Jackson (25)** by themselves. It would also be a huge step for Álvaro and Lazanira as all their children would have to move schools and all that is familiar to them. **So please pray that God would move the right couple to work there.**



## **YOUTH WORK**

In the mother church Lily of the Valley, we have started the year with great expectations. Sunday nights are seeing more visitors, and the young teens and the youth work are growing. We have a church breakfast together once a month, and there are always inter-church rallies for the women, young teens and older teens, as well as a pastors' breakfast from time to time. A military family, **Gian** and **Jacqueline**, have been a particular encouragement to us as they are so hospitable and friendly to everyone. In February when carnival takes place, there will be church camps for both teenage groups. **We would value prayer for these camps that the Lord will speak to and save those who come along but are not yet His.**

## **INTERNATIONAL MISSION WORK**



One aspect of our work which we write so little about is MICEB. This is our mission recognised here by the Brazilian government, allowing us to get visas, and the benefits of being a missionary organisation. It brings together Swiss, American, German and British missionaries. We all meet up for a fellowship conference once a year and the administration of mission affairs is based in Belém. Andrew is currently vice-president; so we flew to Belém for mission business in January. The mission is looking to sell off a huge piece of land but the sale is quite complicated as there is a mission school who rent out premises and who want to stay on the land. Pray for a peaceful resolution so that the mission can down size whilst seeking peace with missionary teachers and families involved in the school. This school has educated missionary children for 50 years so feelings run high, but these numbers are dwindling, and to survive, the school is seeking Brazilian accreditation to attract Brazilian students. The negotiations have taken up quite a lot of time and energy over the last few months. ***Please pray for wisdom for all who are involved in the sale.*** We spent a weekend with Jair and Martha 8 hours up river from Belém in a small community right on the river. It was so good to see them again, and Jair is waiting for a call to a church. We lived off barbecued fish and shrimp and took our bath in the river. It brought back happy memories of our time in the interior. Just Hannah and Maria travelled to cut down costs, and we used air miles to go so the trip was cheap.

## **SEMINARY WORK**



Another aspect of our work which Andrew particularly enjoys is his seminary work. He teaches systematic theology every Thursday all year round apart from holidays. So classes will resume very soon. Maybe one day he will put all his lesson contents into book form for use amongst the Brazilian church! He loves to teach on the nature of God and His work and always learns fresh things in his preparation. Eliabe from our church attends Hebron seminary and Andrew enjoys the rapport with the next generation of workers. Fred Orr, the founder of the work from Northern Ireland is now very frail, but his heart for mission is contagious and he radiates the Lord. He may not have long left on this earth but he will leave a huge legacy to the Brazilian church. ***Please pray for the Lord to bless these lessons and use His Word to shape the students thinking and character.***

Jenny has also restarted Bible classes at the school. She enjoys the preparation and now knows most of the children quite well. The Christmas nativity play went very well which was a huge relief after so much hard work by everyone. She was proud of how all the children spoke so well in English – Koreans, Brazilians and even a girl from Finland! ***Pray the Lord would speak to the children through His word which she has the privilege of teaching Mondays and Wednesdays to 6 classes and to the young teens on a Sunday morning.***

## **FAMILY FOCUS**



has some sort of problem. ***Pray we would be able to get her diagnosed in the UK when we come home.***

***With love as always in the Lord, and thanks for all your generous support and prayers,***

***Andrew, Jenny, Hannah, Maria, Sarah and Amy***



***Thank you again for all your fellowship and prayers for the work. We are God-willing coming to the UK in the summer and will attend Keswick, Aberystwyth and UFM family conferences. God-willing we may see some of you at these times. We will deputise in between and have some time with parents which will be very precious. Erith also hope to mark Bob's time there as a pastor and our 10 years with UFM, with a special service. If you would like to put it in your diary the date is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010.***

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