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Dear friends,

This year is already passing so quickly. Life is busy as usual and we have lots to share with you since February.

PROJECT CENTURION

We were so grateful to Pete Nye for leading the team from the UK to help finish off the manse at Sao Pedro. "It was like trying to build a wall in a sauna," was one comment. The 4 men; Pete, Andrew, (from the Heath church, Cardiff) Simon and Nathan (from Trinity Baptist, Gloucester) battled blazing temperatures, limited resources and the language barrier to do the construction work, but they did an excellent job. The heat was exhausting, but they plastered walls, cemented a floor, ceramic tiled part of a bathroom, built a wall on top for a lean-to roof and dug a big pit for the waste. Along the way they sweated buckets, made new friends, impacted our church by their love and friendliness and took home a whole new perspective on Brazil. Rejoice with us that since the team left we have also been able to get all the electrics done and all the inside of the house finished with a ceramic floor. The two bathrooms are also tiled and the plumbing finished. So now the jobs outstanding are:



- To plaster the outside walls and then paint them
- Install the kitchen sink and tile kitchen area
- Hang internal doors
- Put glass in the windows and paint
- Paint inside
- Cement the floor and put a roof on the patio area
- Secure the site by putting on iron railings at the front (Just before the team arrived we had a break-in and since their departure there has been another break-in. Do pray about security).



Two weeks ago, the church in the Lily of the Valley voted by a large majority to send Álvaro and Lazanira to head up the work. Whilst Clovis was very keen to go his wife was not, and therefore it became clear to us all that this was not of the Lord. The church feels Álvaro's gift is more as an evangelist than a pastor. We are very glad that the church will support them financially. Some folks asked why the mission could not support, and it was good for Andrew to clarify that UFM do not want to create dependency and so encourage Brazilian churches to financially support their own workers. Please do pray as there are some (a small minority) in

the church who are worried that our church can't really afford to pay Álvaro's family. It is true that most believers are on very minimum salaries, but the Lord has always provided. Money is such an issue here and sometimes it is frustrating as there is so much need. In the Lily of the Valley, the church needs a UPVC ceiling putting in before we can install air conditioning. (Can you imagine a church meeting without heating in the winter months??? – air conditioning is our equivalent!!! Pray that God would honour the faith and generosity of the believers!) *Thank you for praying about the right couple to work in Sao Pedro and for*

the Lily of the Valley church to confirm this decision. Pray for Álvaro and all the family as they plan to move in June – that they will know peace as they make this huge transition as a family.

CHURCH PLANTING IN SAO PEDRO

The church work continues with outreach to children on Tuesdays, and morning and evening services. We are very encouraged to be able to share that a good group of children are now starting to attend Sunday mornings. This has really encouraged Lazanira who takes the class in the manse. She would value prayer for wisdom as she teaches them God's Word. *Rejoice with us in this answer to prayer to have children come along on Sundays!*

YOUTH WORK

All the young people enjoyed their camps during carnival. Andrew was asked to take one session with the older young people and we enjoyed the break away across the river on the way to Manacapuru. They had a morning session on capital punishment. Sadly life is very cheap in Brazil and one lady was very strong that there needs to be justice and adequate sentences to fit the crimes. It is so common for people to get out of prison if they pay money. *Praise God for these camps that are held every year during carnival time.*

INTERNATIONAL MISSION WORK



Andrew continues to do work for MICEB. Though this has taken up quite a lot of time this year we are hopeful that the mission is nearing a solution to the sale and downsizing of its land. There will be a conference in June when the mission has its AGM to decide to accept new proposals. *Please pray for wisdom for all who are involved in the sale, and especially that those involved in the school will be willing to make some compromises.*

SEMINARY WORK

Andrew has begun to teach on the nature of the church, looking at various aspects of church life. He has been able to use some of these studies mid-week as well, and is enjoying this semester. Elaiibe one of the students who lives in our church manse has recently been very ill with food poisoning together with Lucio who studies at another Bible college. Please pray for their recovery *and please pray for the Lord to bless the work of the seminary as it seeks to train men and women for Christian work.*



SCHOOLS WORK

Jenny has really enjoyed teaching the life of Christ to the primary school kids this semester. It is encouraging to see how the children have grown in their understanding of who Jesus is and why He came. Her lessons dove-tailed in with Easter and culminated on the death and resurrection of Christ. Now she is covering English for a teacher who has gone on maternity leave. *Pray the Lord would bless the school with properly trained teachers. Pamela is always looking for teachers for all ages – pre-school through to A level so if you could give any time please get in touch with us and we will pass on details!*



FAMILY FOCUS

We had parent/ teacher conferences last week and are glad that all the girls are happy at school and progressing well. We are especially thankful that Amy is improving. She can trace letters, is talking more and her teacher says that she is a very happy child so that is a relief to us. Hannah is now very busy with revision for her IGCSE's in May /June. *Please pray Hannah would know peace as she continues to weigh up her options for the future.* If she stays on here she will be with a very small group of students and have to study a lot on her own until January, but she will be with us as a family. If she returns to live with Jenny's sister she will be at a very good sixth form with good teachers but it is a big decision to go somewhere unfamiliar, having to make friends and be a long way away from immediate family.

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

Andrew, Jenny, Hannah, Maria, Sarah and Amy

Just to remind you that there will be a special service to mark the family's ten years in Brazil on the 31st July 2010 at Erith. The speaker will be UFM director Peter Milsom. We do hope many of you can make it, as it will be lovely to see you again! It is a special weekend as it also marks Bob Morgan's faithful ten years of ministry as Pastor at Erith.

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