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Dear friends,

It is a joy to write to you all this Christmas time and to share with you what the Lord has been doing here in Brazil.

FAMILY NEWS

Hannah has settled so well at sixth form and is enjoying her subjects. At the weekends she enjoys very kind hospitality from the Roberts family who attend the Heath and so enjoys the YPF events as well. We want to say **thank you so much** for the kind gifts to enable her to join us for Christmas. This means so much to us and we are counting the days till the 15th December. We are also very grateful for Skype and web cams which keep us all in touch across the miles. **Pray for safety as she makes the journey to us on 14-15th December.**



Maria and Hannah

SÃO PEDRO

Praise God that **Álvaro and Lazanira** have settled so well into the area. The second anniversary saw a large congregation with Pastor Allan preaching very helpfully on how to live in the light of the Lord's return. Álvaro has made significant visits along one road called the Rua da Paz (the road of peace). Neighbours are asking Álvaro to come and pray when they are in need. One man called us to pray for his father who was very sick. Before he died that night he confessed the Lord Jesus. Another neighbour from the Rua da Paz opened her home for an evangelistic meeting. Dona Francisca's health was not good and one week after the meeting she passed away. **Please pray for conversions at São Pedro.** Work continues to improve the site with the front wall cemented and smoothed and iron railings now in place and a proper entrance. The front wall of the manse is being cemented as well and we hope to soon lay a ceramic floor on the patio. Álvaro particularly appreciated attending the Fé Reformada (Reformed Faith) conference for some 350 pastors and leaders from all across Brazil. We were all left with the thought by Stuart Olyott that preachers **can improve** and the challenge to be simple and pure in presenting the gospel. The conference was well attended and it was a joy to share fellowship through the word with so many Christians.

LILY OF THE VALLEY

We had a lovely welcome back from the believers, but soon had to face some very challenging pastoral situations. **Gian**, a newly elected deacon and his wife were experiencing severe strain in their marriage. **Clovis' wife** in a fit of anger had threatened **Sidgley** with a knife after he insulted her daughters. And their daughter **Fransisca** confessed to being immoral with her boyfriend. As she sang at the front and was very involved with the young people this left us very discouraged! Please pray for all these situations. Praise God that things are better with Gian and his wife. **The tensions between Clovis and Celina with Sidgley are on-going and need much prayer, and we value prayer for Fransisca's restoration.** It is common for young people to hide their sin, so it was very brave of her to confess.

Having said all that we have known some encouragements too! **Rosa** is a very faithful believer and she runs a good news club from her home which is in a very needy area of the Lily of the Valley. Many of these children came to a children's day



programme held at the local Bible College and they are keen for some more outings as life is very hard for them. Pray we will be able to support Rosa in this work and that the children and their parents would attend Christmas services. The children are busy practising songs and readings for Christmas. **Pray too for the Good News club in Nova Esperança on Fridays which has restarted, for the Lord to bless and for children to be saved.**

Our young people are keen to evangelise and a group has restarted, giving out leaflets Sunday afternoons and visiting homes. We have been doing a discipleship course with two girls who live nearby to us who have professed faith. Pray for them; their names are **Valdineia and Larissa**. They live in very poor conditions and their parents sell drink so it is not easy for them as there are always parties going on and often fights. **Please pray the Lord would bless the young people as they reach out, and that people would respond to the gospel.**



The church also had the privilege of hosting an event for the young teens of several churches, and the ladies attended a day congress which was very helpful, with various seminars on topics including the family, finances and missions. We all came away with a book to read which was very thought-provoking, entitled "one month to live", asking you what would change if you knew this was the case. Now we are busy preparing for Christmas as we expect you all are too. **Please pray especially for the church at this time. Our folks have hard and often difficult issues to wrestle with and they can get easily discouraged. Pray**

especially as we vote on deacons and various positions in the church which is a yearly occurrence, that it would all go smoothly.

A fortnight ago a young lad called Daniel was gunned down outside the church just as we were about to start the prayer meeting. This was very shocking but sadly such violence is all too common here. About 2 people a day die in Manaus (reported cases) usually drug gangs involved in revenge killings. (You may have heard on the BBC news about the police in Rio having to re-take areas that were basically run by drug gangs) We praise God for all His protection until now but we know so many people who have relatives either involved with drugs or who have survived gun shot wounds. **Pray for Daniel's mum-Andrew was able to visit the family and share the gospel with them.**

AMAZON ENGLISH ACADEMY



Praise the Lord for the tremendous help **Krystian and Gordan (from Scotland)** have been to **Pamela** at the girls' school. We have appreciated their fellowship. Their company has helped all of us not to feel so keenly the separation from Hannah. The lads have enjoyed their time which has been eventful to say the least, and they are praying about possibly returning to help in January. **Pray the Lord will guide Krystian and Gordan to know God's will and continue to meet all the needs of the school.** It has been a welcome change having male company in the Love home!!

With love in our Saviour's Precious Name and warm greetings this Christmas time from across the miles,

Hannah's visits to Brazil
A very big thank you for all who helped to pay for Hannah's flight.

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

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