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"The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad" Psalm 126:3

Dear friends,

Greetings to you all in our Saviour's precious name. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers. We have much to share since we last wrote and much to praise God for.

Some fantastic news

The Lily of the Valley Baptist church extended a call to Pastor Nilo and his wife Alexandra. This came as such an answer to prayer for he is a good man, having served the Lord for four years in Labrea, then in Paraná before he had to return to Manaus for health reasons. He preached at the church anniversary earlier in the year and so the church has got to know him during this year. Last Saturday saw a packed church as two hundred people witnessed his induction and the late Fred Orr's son brought a very good word from Ezra. **Pray for him as he takes on the church.**

Pastor Nilo and his wife Us with Pastor Nilo, Fred Orr Junior and their wives



Conferences

In our last prayer letter we mentioned about hosting a pastors and leaders conference. We were so thankful that this came to pass as we considered the theme together of "A Healthy Church" for three days. A total of one hundred and fifty people participated and the church at Dom Pedro did a great job in hosting the event. We were challenged to rely on the Holy Spirit in all that we do, (Peter Milsom) to be passionate about missions (Pastor João Sariva) and to worship the Lord through obedience to His word (Pastor Raimundo & Pastor Paulo). It was especially encouraging to see folks coming together who do not normally meet up. As a follow up to the conference Andrew accepted an invitation from the Presbyterian Church in Tefé to host a similar conference. We were able to tie this in with Hannah's visit to us so that she could revisit Alvarães where she grew up. This was a very precious time for us all and we were so encouraged to visit folk and hear good reports of Deija's ministry there.



Peter Milsom, Pastor Paulo, Pastor Herberth Conference in Tefé
Pastor João Sariva, Fred Orr J

Family news

Jenny's trip to the UK was very timely as her father was quite weak through all the chemotherapy he had been receiving. Thankfully he was able to be rehydrated at hospital and recover his appetite. He has decided not to have the operation. **Praise God with us for the way Jenny's dad has been strengthened, but**

pray for him and the family at this time. The month of August also saw Maria commemorate her coming of age and it was especially precious that we could all be together as a family for this. Hannah's summer time was very busy as she helped teach every morning at the school during the month of August as well as having some time to unwind after a busy year of study. She received some good results in her AS levels and we stand amazed at how God continues to meet our every need in all the complications that being missionaries brings at times! It was very difficult saying goodbyes again. **Please pray for us all in this separation that the Lord would strengthen us. Maria especially misses her sister – pray she will have some good friends who she can really share with.**



Final blessings and Future Ministry

Before we left the Lily of the Valley, we were encouraged to see two more people testify to their faith in baptism - Nazaré who we have mentioned before, and a lad called Arlison from a needy background. At the same time Alvaro baptized two people from the congregation in São Pedro. The church in the Lily of the Valley now has more new people than older members and there has been healthy growth despite many challenging pastoral issues to face. The Lord has helped us through many difficulties and it was quite an emotional goodbye. But we feel it is the right time to move on and are so thankful for God's provision.



We are open to how the Lord will direct us over these next months.

Andrew is now free to preach around in various churches and is grateful for the invitations he is receiving. It is encouraging to see what the Lord is doing through His church in this city of two million people! We plan to support Alvaro and Lazanira in the church plant more, and were encouraged to go Sunday night. The Lord was with us and there are many needs in the district of São Pedro. Alvaro and Andrew plan to visit more homes each week. Pastor Nilo is very supportive of the work and is keen that the seminary students continue to gain valuable experience preaching and helping there. For example, Josué and Marcia (featured in the latest Murfitts prayer letter) are members at the Lily of the Valley church and are now being supported by our congregation, and helping in children's ministry.

Jenny also continues to help out in the school with Bible, Ethics and English Literature and enjoys bringing God's word into the classroom. **Please continue to pray for the school that it might receive accreditation from the Brazilian authorities** as Cambridge already recognizes it as an exam centre. Pamela has been under a lot of pressure with having to submit over sixty documents. There is a lot of bureaucracy in Brazil!

Thank you again for all your kind support in prayer and in giving. We are very grateful.

With our love in Christ,

Andrew and Jenny, Hannah, Maria, Sarah and Amy

LOVE'S PRAYER POINTS Summer 2011

1. Praise for sustaining Jenny's Dad's during a difficult time. Pray for him in the coming months as he has decided not to be operated on.
2. Praise for the Lord's blessing on the leaders conferences in Manaus and Tefé, and pray for the planning of next year's conference
3. For our involvement in the church plant at São Pedro –that the Lord would strengthen the work and save souls. Praise the Lord for the nucleus of 15-20 people attending Sunday nights.
4. For Pastor Nilo and his wife as they serve the Lily of the Valley Baptist church.
5. Praise for a precious family summer together, and pray for us all as a family as Hannah is separated from us.



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