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*1 Corinthians 9:19
 ... yet have I made myself a servant
 unto all, that I might gain the more.*

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Dear Praying Friends,

National Pastor Called



In our last prayer letter, we said that the church in Cornélio Procópio was meeting with Pastor Paulo Moura about the possibility of his coming to take the leadership of the church. After meeting with him, the church gave him an invitation to come. Although the tithes and offerings of the church are not enough to pay a full-time salary, Pastor Paulo accepted the call with the understanding that he would find a way to supplement his financial support. He is qualified to teach as a substitute teacher as well as professional seamster. The Lord has miraculously provided and opened doors for he and his family. They arrived November 6, and he was officially given his position on November 19. Please be in prayer for both he and the church as they begin the process of adaptation in the leadership.

Furlough

With Pastor Paul's arrival in Cornélio Procópio, we are finally able plan our return to the States for our furlough. We have purchased our tickets and will be leaving Brazil on January 17. Upon considering the things that we need to accomplish, we have decided to spend a full year in the States. We will be spending the first month or so getting general medical checkups that our insurance only covers in the States. As far as we know, there are no serious issues, but we need to do this. We also need to visit a sizable number of churches. Some of you have faithfully supported us and have not had a visit from us in over ten years. Because of inflation, we are also hoping to raise more support.

A Look Backward

Just recently, the Lord stirred up our memory concerning the years that we have served Him. Though it is hard to believe, we have been in the ministry full time for 49 years, 48 of which have been in the work of missions. During those years, the Lord has met our every need, given us the privilege to sow and water in His field, allowed us to reach and teach many Brazilians for the glory of God, and blessed us with children who love and serve the Lord. We believe the Lord is not through with us, but look forward to greater opportunities of serving Him in preaching the Gospel and teaching believers the marvels of the Lord's ministry. Our past and the future ministries are very much dependent upon your prayers and faithful support. Churches exist today, and souls will be in heaven because you have been so faithful to support and encourage us over the years. We will rejoice together as we receive and present our rewards to our Lord and Savior who made it all possible.

Your servants in Jesus Christ,

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