

"He is able to save them to the uttermost" Hebrews 7:25

Dear Prayer Partners, February 2013

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (I Cor. 4:2)

In the Lord's work, we must be faithful. At times it seems as though there are not many results. At other times we may see many results in a short period of time. However, we must be assured that the Lord is working and His Word will not return void. What He requires of us is faithfulness, not results.

If we wanted to, I am sure we could think of many negative things to say about the work here. Nevertheless, we choose to write about things that will encourage you and help you know what God is doing in the ministry He has given us. If you ever have any questions regarding our ministry, please do not hesitate to write us. Many times we post more details about specific areas of the ministry on our blog at www.braziltotheuttermost.com.

This past month has been a great blessing! My wife and I decided that we needed to make an attempt to find out more about the missionaries we pray for as a family. We began writing to some of them hoping to receive some kind of update or be added to their prayer letter list. The Lord returned the blessing to us using these missionaries to further our work in Brazil. A few weeks ago I posted how God used three of these missionaries.

Thanks to one of these missionaries, we now have a Japanese Gospel presentation on our website. We have begun advertising this in Japan and are praying that the Lord would use this to help some Japanese people know more about God.

Last week, we began a more in depth relationship with some of the men in our Bible study. Five of them were invited to meet with us for a serious discipleship. All of them said they were excited and wanted to go deeper in their relationship with the Lord. The meeting last week went very well, but we ask for you to pray for these men. Their interest is growing and they are getting a burden for other people. One of them mentioned his desire to help us start a radio station, get a hospital ministry started, and get a prison ministry started. Another has expressed several times his desire to reach the fishing villages for Christ. Please pray for these men and pray for us as we work with them.

One of the greatest difficulties in the beginning of a work is patience. We must have patience for the Lord to build His church here in this city. This does not mean that we sit here idle waiting for something to happen. It just simply means that we are human and do not know the hearts of men. We must allow God to be in control of things. We live in a city whose population is estimated to be around 20,000 people. We have been told, that there are 120 churches in the city. That is one church for every 167 people. Yet, in all of this religion, most do not know God. It is very difficult to find anyone who says they know without a doubt they are saved and going to Heaven.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Please continue praying for us and for the Lord's work here!

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