



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

1. For our spiritual walk with God - our #1 priority.

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2. New missionaries to come and help us.

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3. Open doors for evangelism in Gravatai-240,000 pop.

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4. The dollar has devalued 25% in the last three years. Inflation has been between 25-50% on all necessary items such as food, gas and clothing. We definitely need to watch our spending. We also need to raise more support when we are on furlough the first part of 2006. Pray for this need please.

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5. Funds to paint another public school.

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6. Protection of our teens from drugs and sin; protection of us from robbers.

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7. Groups to visit us this coming summer for evangelism, including wrestlers.

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8. Praise for such good results in church #4. They had a wedding and have had many new visitors.

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9. Praise for the plastic plate which our grandson received so well for his head injury. He is doing well.

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10. Praise for enough offerings to pay the church rent and utilities.

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11. Praise for sixteen new converts studying for baptism.

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12. Praise for more couples coming to our services via the evangelism of our new converts.

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13. Praise for dedicated church workers who make our ministry fruitful.

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Gentil is now a deacon, our youth pastor, and teaches our new member's class on Sunday morning. He is also studying via correspondence and will be the pastor of our #5 church some day. While he was working full-time, he made friends with Luciano. One day Luciano said, "One sport I would really like to learn is Olympic wrestling, but no one teaches it



around here." Gentil responded quickly, "My pastor teaches it." Luciano showed up for several practices but did not actually continue to wrestle. He started coming to church and soon was saved. Since then, he has brought several family members to church, including his brother, who also accepted Christ. Recently he had the whole church at his home for a bar-b-que.



Gigi was a pitiful looking 11-year-old when I first saw her. She had just broken her leg that day and was still in pain. I met her just after she had the cast put on. When she realized I was an American, she sang a song in English to me. We taught her English. She got saved, as well as her mom and brother. She was a vital part of our youth group and drama team for many years. She has now graduated from nursing school and is engaged to a dedicated Christian man.

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Daniel repairs my computer and sometimes does not charge anything. We have been friends for years. He and his wife have been in our home many times. We visited him the day before we left for furlough. He wanted to show off his new addition to the family. We had pizza and chatted for quite a while. Neither he nor his wife are saved. Please pray for these two.

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot

Because most public schools do not have a blade of grass, some are now calling me asking to use our grounds. If they have 15-30 kids, I can make two trips with my van. I also invite the hotdog van, so we can provide a \$.75 sandwich for each one. They bring their own drink. If they have 30-150, they arrive on buses and bring their own food, sometimes staying all day. I never leave the grounds while they are using our equipment. I am their servant for that time. I only ask that they gather all the kids together before they leave, so I can take a picture and can give them my life story and a Chick tract to take home.



Edson is the father of our smallest wrestler, Edson Junior, who is only 6 years old. It was via a wrestling demonstration in a public school that Grace, his sister, brought Edson Junior to our wrestling practices. I have visited many times in their home and seen the beautiful bird cages his dad makes. So far, the family has not attended a service in our church. I have witnessed to them several times. Please pray for this whole family.

“People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Unknown

Thanks to a generous gift, I was able to purchase this trailer to haul the wrestling mat and other equipment we use in the public schools. We are thankful for such passionate interest in our ministry.



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Since only Shane and I know the rules for wrestling, we have to be the referees instead of the coaches during the meets and tournaments. There are 80 public schools in our city of 240,000 people. If someone came to work in “youth ministries” and knew wrestling, he could start a team in at least 10 of these schools and our evangelism efforts would be multiplied greatly. If a freshman in Bible college decided he wanted to do this, I would be 68 years old before he got involved in Brazil (after he finished school, raised support, and learned the language). Is there someone reading this letter who might be interested? If you are interested, please contact me.

This school is located only one block from the parsonage of our #2 church. Brazil has an “open school” policy for Saturdays. Anyone can teach anything as long as they do not charge. I am going to this school of 1800 students to form a wrestling team. I hope to start with 30, so I will end up with at least 10 wrestlers. After several months I will invite them and their parents to a party at the church building, explaining our program and goals. This should make an excellent connection between the school and the church. Please pray for this opportunity.



Penny has several hats she wears as a missionary’s wife. She instructs our members on how to teach. Without passing this class, they cannot teach. She also fills in when a teacher is absent, as she is doing in this photo. The women’s retreats and teas are her responsibilities. She will be organizing our Christmas walkthrough. The ladies have already made 30 costumes and need to make 70 more. We hope to have 2000 visitors to our church for this walkthrough. She is also in charge of our drama team and is so pleased that a young lady in our church is doing the actual work. She wants to start Reformers Unanimous with another person in our church who is studying counseling.