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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Tim Makin is a wrestler who heard me preach at his church in Portland, Oregon. He said he wants to come here starting May of 2009. He will help me teach wrestling four days a week. When he is not wrestling, he will be like a son to us, cutting grass, washing cars, etc. Pray for him as he will need to raise the needed funds during the next year. I suggested he work on some college correspondence courses while he was here, to fill in the down time.

HELP COMING

Ariel and **Amanda** have wrestled for us since March. They both accepted Christ and are in every service. **Pastor Edilson** usually gives them a ride. Recently, Amanda brought her sister, **Brenda**, to church. Now Brenda is the smallest wrestler we have. She won a first place medal at our last tournament. I have had more spiritual successes with the girl wrestlers than with the boys.



PINT-SIZED WRESTLERS

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1. Keeping our hearts right with God, our #1 priority
2. Open doors to make new contacts
3. Enough funds to purchase a minibus
4. Wisdom to lead a church full of exciting members, including many new converts
5. Protection from accidents and robbery
6. Enough health to do all that we feel necessary
7. Leadership who always loves the Lord and His work

Praise:

1. The \$10,000 raised for the minibus while in the States
2. Wonderful results in our evangelism
3. Musical talent in our two new helpers
4. Safety while traveling on furlough
5. Safety in our practices and tournaments
6. Leadership that is working in harmony
7. Captain Tom Latham's role in leading soldiers to Christ as a chaplain

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PROJECT FINISHED

We had a men's meeting where we inaugurated the bate-balla court. It is the official size, which is 12 feet wide by 72 feet long. The rules are more complicated than I thought. The public school kids also use it. I have to level it by pulling an adult on a skid. This job is a real back breaker.



Olga lives by herself in a very nice home. She comes to our church whenever her health permits. She came to our church via the invitation of a public school teacher. She speaks German and plays the guitar. We usually give her a ride home. She is a faithful tither. She has been a widow for 20 years. The Bible says we practice true religion when we visit the widows, and it has been a blessing to visit this one. Penny sent me to visit her one day and what a surprise I had after singing a song for her - she cried. It was her birthday and I hadn't known it. I guess it was actually God that sent me there that day.



Matilde is a public school teacher who noticed our church sign while she was filling her car with gas at the station across the street. She has lived a soap opera for the last two years. First her son was murdered and then her husband died four months later. She lives alone and has found a friendly family among our church people. Since she came from an excellent Baptist church 20 miles away, she has little to do to be a church member. She certainly indicated she was anxious to get the process started. We now have three school teachers in our church.

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NEW WRESTLING TEAM



These are the new kids at their public school, for the first practice. Since they only had two practices before the tournament, I decided to give them their own tournament with first and second places. Of the four best wrestler's trophies, they won three of them. For the state championship, they will still wrestle among themselves.

DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS

I was in the middle of my Sunday evening service when the strange neighbor lady poked her head in the door and barked, "What kind of church is this anyway?" I was stunned but managed to yell back, "A Baptist church." She yelled, "Wrong church!" and slammed the door. I guess she could not read the huge sign we had on the front of the building. About a month later, she caught me in front of the church after our evening service. She was always weird, "Are you Pastor Tom?" I answered in the affirmative. "When you turn off the lights and leave, I get calls for you." I was surprised, "That's strange, who is it?" She looked glassy-eyed, "Just someone who wants to talk to you!" I was getting strange vibes, "Do you have a telephone?" She answered negatively. Now I was getting really concerned, "If you don't have a telephone, how do you get calls for me?" She did not flinch, "I get them in my head. They come through the air!" By now, I was sure I knew where her calls were coming from. "Well, when they call again, you can tell them I don't have the minimum of an interest in talking to them." She did not assure me she would transmit my message. This represents a common problem we have faced during our 35 years in Brazil SPIRITISM. Sixty percent of Brazilians have had experiences in the practice of using the spirit world for their needs, good or bad.

