



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?

1. For our spiritual walk with God - our #1 priority
2. Praise for such good results in church #4. We recently had five families start coming
3. Open doors for evangelism in Gravatai-240,000 pop.
4. Funds to remodel church #4 located on the main street of our city
5. Salvation of Gentil, his son and daughter-in-law
6. Praise for a new pastor in church #2. He started his ministry in April
7. Open doors in public schools for presentations on drugs, raising kids, and creation vs evolution
8. Our teens to be protected from drugs and sin
9. Our women to continue their great job of evangelism
10. New missionaries to come and help us
11. Funds for our playground on our retreat center
12. Praise for jobs God gave to our members
13. Praise for many new converts studying for baptism
14. Praise for the finding of a building to rent that is within our means.

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Building Rented



FRONT OF BUILDING

Our plans have taken a drastic turn. After 3 1/2 years of services in our living room, we have outgrown the space. We decided to rent a factory. Then we found out the place was for sell at a cost of \$60,000. It is located only 150 feet from the main street of our city. The lot is 13,550 square feet and the buildings have 5,000 square feet. The auditorium has 2,700 square feet. There is room inside the property to park 30 cars. Since the documents will take up to two years to process, we are presently renting with a contract to purchase later. We have to sell our three lots downtown which are valued at \$45,000. The remodeling of the factory has already started. We have some funds to do this work but not enough to finish the job. We still need a ceiling and a floor. Approaching our ministry in this way will prevent having to raise \$135,000 to construct a building from scratch. If you can help us with this project please contact the Mission.

Focus on a Teen

Diane started coming to our church two years ago. Her brother and father influenced her. She is 14 years old and studies at a public school where we have presented both our drama team and puppets. She helps us with the drama and puppet ministries. We have hopes of sending her to study at the Baptist Bible college close to here. She needs to take a private computer class as it is not offered in the public school. She loves hand crafts. We are very excited about her possibilities for full-time service. Pray that her spiritual growth will continue. Also pray for her family to grow spiritually. Paulo, Diane's dad, recently purchased a VW Bug. His mother, Vanda, also purchased a car so she can drive to church. Paulo actually needs a bigger car to bring his whole family to church. In fact, we need more transportation to take everyone from this meeting place to the new location five miles away. Please pray for these transportation needs. When we move into our new facilities we don't want to leave anyone behind. We have worked it out so I do not have to make two trips with the van, which I have been doing for two years.



DIANE

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New Convert Studies



JACQUELINE

Carla invited Jaqueline to church and Rudenir gives her a ride to every service. Jaqueline lives with her grandparents. She is 19 years old, a high school graduate (a rare achievement among our church members.) She is looking for a full time job. Shortly after she started coming to our home/church services, she accepted Christ and is now at the end of Gentil's new-convert classes. This course is over six months long and is a requirement for those wanting to be baptized. We will be baptizing her soon along with eight others in the class. She is very friendly and it is always a pleasure to spend time with her. Please pray for her spiritual growth, as well as the salvation of her grandparents. Her sister, Patricia, has been attending services with her but her husband is not saved. Please pray for Patricia, her husband, and two children. Jefferson is Patricia's husband. He was present in church Sunday night for the first time in a long time. Pray for their marriage relationship to get better.

New Pastor

In 1983 we started the church in Restinga, a suburb of Porto Alegre. The city has a population of 200,000 but is only two miles wide. It is a government housing project with many four-story apartment buildings. We mentioned the work done in the parsonage in our last "Latham's Log." Edilson is the new pastor. His wife, Silvana, and one-year-old son Mateus, assist him in the work. Penny and I went to the Valentine's banquet they hosted in the parsonage. It was well attended and well done. They had three adult visitors. Edilson is a humble servant of God as is his wife. She plays the keyboard and directs the children's ministry as well as the women's work. He has great plans for evangelism and training of new converts. Please pray for this new family and their work in this important part of the harvest field.



PASTOR, WIFE, AND SON

Summer Evangelism Group



GROUP FROM WISCONSIN

Last summer we had four groups from the States visiting us. This year we have had only one. They came from the Grace Baptist Church of Chippawa Falls, Wisconsin. This was a group of eight adults and seven teens. Three adults brought their own teens. We had nine days to transfer our vision and passion to them. The program included nine drama presentations, seven of which were in the public schools. We had three classes on culture and problem areas for missionaries, with a test. A sports day was scheduled with 30 teens from a public school where we had already presented dramas. On Friday night we had an evangelistic party with 22 visitors, seven firemen brought their families. One afternoon we passed out tracts downtown. We made donuts and the visitors took them to the police and firemen. A day of tourism and shopping was also wedged into the tight schedule. A few of

the teens wrote back and commented that the trip changed their lives as they had caught the vision and passion. The ladies attended Penny's Mother's Day banquet at a restaurant downtown. There were 82 ladies at the banquet.

Paulo and Isabel

Joel has a white-collar job at General Motors. His wife, Miriam, along with Luciana, teach our Sunday night children's church on the second floor of our house. Miriam and Henry, their seven year old, come to all of our services. She is responsible for bringing many visitors. Even though Joel does not come to church, he still thinks we have a wonderful congregation. He was impressed by the fact that we do not make noise and are not pushy about money. So, when Paulo and Isabel, who both work the same shift at GM, wanted to attend a good church, he recommended ours. They came and liked it and have been attending for over two months. This is the first time someone who does not attend our church is responsible for bringing another couple. They live close to our house and drive by twice a day going to work. We have great hopes that this couple will be the catalyst for bringing many others to Christ. Pray for this couple, please.



ISABEL AND PAULO

Neighborhood Evangelism

Elapidio lives on the other side of Cintia's house and was invited to church by Cintia and her three girls. He is retired, divorced, living alone. He comes to all of our services accompanying Cintia and the girls. He is kind to the girls and helps Cintia with simple chores when he can. Please pray for Elapidio, he has some physical problems. He needs to begin the new convert's classes Gentil teaches during our Sunday school hour. I used to teach this class three nights during the week, in homes. This was a very taxing ministry as it involved four hours each night as well as a lot of time driving between homes. But now that we have a trained teacher, I leave this responsibility to Gentil and Paulo. Please pray for these teachers as our church moves into its new location surrounded by homes and businesses. We will probably make the transfer in three months, after all the remodeling is done.



ELEPIDIO

Training Brazilians



LEADERSHIP

Missionaries are always trying to work themselves out of a job – training nationals to take their places in various aspects of the ministry. Penny trains the Sunday school teachers and I train the leadership. Penny's class usually takes 8 weeks and includes memorizing scripture and teaching a lesson to the whole group. She just finished training six adults and has five waiting to start these classes. I have leadership training once a month. We study leadership manuals and plan the activities of the church. I also spent three years teaching the families who serve as officers and deacons. For the last two years I have taught Gentil and Patricia the Bible, book by book. Eventually we will finish it. This training is in preparation for him to be the pastor.