

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We're excited to share some of the things the Lord has been doing here in the Amazon. We finished the year with a feeling of victory and joy in the Lord. In the last few months, 3 of our babies were adopted and 3 older children are going through an "adaptation phase" with different families. If all goes well, they will be **adopted** and all become part of a family again. **Classes** have started for the other children, and the older ones are going to a new school, (for them), and are really enjoying it, although it's several miles away. On the **Mount Salem** property, we've allowed the public school system to use our classrooms to teach our Kindergarten to 4th grade age children, along with the children in our neighborhood. The government pays these Teachers, praise God, it's a big help!

*As it probably is in most of the world, the majority of our **older children** are still waiting for families to adopt them. The chances of Brazilian families adopting older children aren't very high. We hope and pray for miracles in their lives. It's gratifying to see children from Mount Salem having their first experiences on the **Mission Field**. In January, we had 3 youth participate in a "Mission Adventures" camp our YWAM base. They learned more about God, Evangelism, and other topics, practiced some Dramas, then they went out **witnessing** along with other young people from several churches in Manaus. Within the last 2 weeks, we received **5 new children**: a baby, and 4 brothers and sisters. The baby was left at the maternity ward. The living situation for the 4 children was pretty difficult. Their mother uses drugs and can't take care of them. Today Terezinha and I took them to the Dentist and found that they all have some teeth that need work.

At home, we're happy that **Marcos** came from Denver to spend some time with us, since November. He has helped us with some of the Base activities, especially with the **Youth Camps** and training. He really enjoys going on boat trips with groups of English-speaking people to interpret for them, as well as serving as a natural "Tour Guide". He loves the outdoors and knows much about animals and nature. Our daughter **Julie** is getting **married** on April 23rd in Texas, where she and her fiancé will be starting **missionary** training at the "To Every Tribe" missionary organization. **Terezinha** and **I** will be going to the **States** for the wedding and to spend some time with all 4 of our children along with our family and friends. Our son **Daniel** has been living in Denver for almost 6 years now, and **Carine** went to live there at the end of September of last year. It's kind of lonely here without our children, but like us, they had to grow-up and move-on. We're happy for them and proud of them as well, and we know God takes better care of them than we can, so they are in great hands.

Please pray: * For **Terezinha**, that this time in the **U.S.** will be refreshing for her. She has been under a lot of pressure, having the responsibility of the mission Base and Children's Shelter. Before we leave, she needs to put all the "business" and "legal" things in order and delegate all this responsibility to our Staff members, to keep everything running while we're gone.

* For the **Children** at Mount Salem for emotional healing, and to find good/godly families to adopt and take good care of them. For provision of the finances needed to pay our employees, electric bill, groceries and other expenses.

We appreciate your prayers and help in different ways. Lord bless you as you walk with Him.

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