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Dear Prayer Partner,

Two things I would like you to pray for concerning the work in Brazil. Both requests are concerning two of my internet students in Brazil. Paul Arruda and his wife Elinana several years ago started a school for the children of lepers in Manaus, Amazonas. Since then he was asked to start a church in the area. The location of the work is in the subdivision called *Alexo*, but is better known as Buracão. Buração means *Big Hole*. The school and the work has grown and the Lord has sent a couple from the church in which Paul also helps to accompany him in the work. Recently it has been discovered that Paul's wife has a serious case of cancer. With the help of missionary Mark McCutchen we have been able to help the Arrudas with the medical bills incurred. Please pray for the Arrudas and the work in the leper colony. I hope to be able to relate to you soon of a new church plant in southern Brazil.

One of our new students has been working in a very difficult area of São Paulo. He has found a piece of property but is having a difficult time in persuading the owner to sale or even rent the property. We related to him that is has never been easy to carry out the Great Commission. Its just the different levels of challenge, and our mindset that play a big role in how well we make progress in carrying out our Lord's command to go into all the world with His gospel. But we must never forget that Jesus Himself said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

If we listen to the news the future seems uncertain. I encourage the pastors and students in Brazil to remember God's faithfulness and purpose. It takes confidence and courage to do all we can to see that the Gospel goes into all the world. Globally things are still defiant and it will take great faith to persevere and be faithful in carrying out our Lord's command. I remind the students that it has been backs to the wall since day one of the Lord's Great Commission. I try to stir up these servants to have hope of being light and solution in these difficult times. So in the midst of all confusion and trials we need to ask ourselves, "What and where is the encouragement of my life, my church and the power of God being demonstrated through us?"

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Unworthily His,
Wendell Hiers

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Think what we can do together.