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SO VERY CLOSE!

Happy New Year to you, in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ! When I look at some of our older prayer letters (the ones I have stored since I started using computers!), I see dates like "January, 1998" at the top of our letters, and I am reminded of just how much time the Lord has allowed us to serve Him here. We have officially been "missionaries" since 1992 (no copies of letters on my pc going back that far!), and we are so thankful for all the Lord has done for and through us during those almost 34 years. Of course, the passing of time also reminds us of **how very close** we are to hearing the trumpet sound for us to be united with Christ in the air. What a day that will be!

In November, the city of Belém hosted the COP 30 world economic forum, and many people from around the globe were here in the city. On one Saturday, a couple of us were downtown handing out tracts. It soon became apparent that many of the people would not accept our literature because they did not understand Portuguese. But guess what! Almost everybody spoke English (with some accent or another)! Although they couldn't read our tracts, I had the opportunity to speak with people from Siberia, Denmark, Zambia, Burma, Nepal, and a few other places. I explained why **we** are here (nothing to do with climate activism, that's for sure!), and hopefully made some good contacts. Nevertheless, I was reminded again about the plight of the lost around the world and how very close they are to an eternity in hell! We have so much work to do in light of that important truth. The brevity of this life (for the saved and the lost) is why the apostle Paul wrote, in I Corinthians 7:29, "...brethren, the time is short," and why we keep on keeping on in the service of the King here in Brazil. Thank you for partnering with us in getting the Gospel to a lost world.



Speaking of being "so very close," I mentioned in our last letter that Antonia's parents have been in poor health for some time, literally **so very close** to going home to heaven. On November 9, Antonia's mom, Clara, left this earth to be with the Lord. She was a godly woman and left behind a godly husband and a large family of mostly saved members. Please pray for Antonia's dad, Antonio, as he wants so much to join her and the Lord in heaven, and for the family as well, during this time of adjustment. *[See Antonia and her mom, at left]*

As far as the construction of the church building for the Independent Baptist Church here in New City, I can truly say **how very close** we are to finishing phase 3 of the project, which will allow us to move into the new facilities in a limited capacity. We are thankful to report that God has provided all the funds necessary for this phase! Thank you for your prayers and contributions towards getting this church into their much-needed facilities! Please continue to pray that the Lord will supply the final \$67,000 needed to finish the building (**oh, so very close!**), and if the Lord touches your heart to give toward the project, we would really appreciate it. We need to make a decision about going on with phase 4 (the final phase), or pausing it for a time, by January 20, so please pray for God's will to be done!

As we start this new year, please pray that God would give us fruit during this next year. We have been through what seems to be a "dry spell" for over a year, with no apparent decisions for Christ. Of course, we continue to obey the Lord in evangelizing, inviting people to a relationship with Jesus Christ, and praying for sincere decisions to be made, but oh how sweet it is to see people repent of their sins and confess the Lord Jesus when we hand out tracts as well as teach and preach in the church services! Please pray for souls to be saved and believers to be discipled as we await that "blessed hope..."! It's **so very close**; perhaps this very year! So keep serving, keep looking up!

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18a