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Dear Prayer Partner,

The Lord let us help plant a church some fifty years ago. They will be hailing the fifty years with a mission conference. I have the privilege of speaking, and I'll be staying with Bro. Paul Arruda. He was only a teenager when we left Brazil. Today Paul is married and has two children and three grandchildren. Paul started a school for the children of lepers and a church. The school has grown and the church is growing. The school is known as the Institute for Changing Lives. The subdivision where the school and church are located is in a sector known as Alexo but called by many "the big hole." A local TV station spent a week interviewing the school and its work. This resulted in a new passenger bus being donated to the school, plus the exposure of the school to Manaus. Some time back a church in the USA supplied the funds for the feeding of two meals a day for almost 200 students. Many of these kids, if they don't accept the Lord, end up as street hustlers or prostitutes. Another pastor and his wife joined the work and is leading in the local church.

As you well know these things don't happen by accident. Each one requires intentional planning, coordination, and outreach to bring people together. And they continue because people like you choose to give and pray, and in many cases go. In the case of the church's of America present influence, it has tried to enforce morality and religious observance, rather than obeying the Great Commission. In the final days of the Roman Empire, churches viewed their world as an extension of the Kingdom of God. However, the barbarians came and overthrew Roman civilization. A man known as Saint Augustine during turbulent times wrote *The City of God*. His writing was an extended reminder that Rome was not the New Jerusalem, and that no earthly state should be mistaken for the Kingdom of Heaven. Please keep my trip in your prayers and for missions around the world. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

*Unworthily His,
Wendell Fliers*

Together we can do it!