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Dear Prayer Partner,



This past month I received a letter from one of the first among those who trusted our Lord in the work in Maués, Amazonas. Her name is Aguida Hifume Shirayanagui, and she is a pastor's wife in Manaus, Amazonas. She writes, *"The teachings our family received through the teaching of the Word of God, and the example of life, we grew in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I speak for myself, but I know my sisters can say the same. Thank you for coming to Maués."*

Aguida was a member of the Nuns Club when we first arrived in Maués. It was at a club meeting the Nun in charge said, "Be careful there is some poison in town." Aguida's thoughts were, *"My father is a farmer and maybe this poison will kill the ants in our garden."* So, she visited and found a poison that was later accepted by her entire family. Eventually her family came to know the Lord. The work in Maués began in the home of a Japanese immigrant who had trusted the Lord while serving in Korea before World War 1. It was there that He accepted our Lord as his Savior. He told me on my first visit that he had been praying for many years for God to send someone to teach and preach the Word. This was our Macedonian call.

Perhaps you are reluctant to give to give by faith to missions believing your giving can't do much for the Lord's work. Nothing could be farther from the truth. While God appreciates the large gifts, He really wants the continual, persistent, faith devoted giving. What Aguida and her family have become is fruit to the account of those who gave and in many cases continue to give.

Unworthily His,

Wendell Hiers

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Together we can do it!