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Missionaries in Brazil

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Greetings, Pastor and Fellow Laborers in Christ,

In November, we experienced a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration, abundantly blessed by God. Together with two other missionary families and a Pastor's family, we curated a spread of traditional American "Thanksgiving" dishes. The occasion was marked not only by a delightful feast but also by enjoyable fellowship and family games. Donna was elated and relieved because her kitchen cabinets and countertops were installed in time for Thanksgiving. In our city, many rental houses lack finished kitchens. In such cases, renters are responsible for bringing and subsequently removing their kitchen cabinets, countertops, sinks, faucets, and other essentials, leaving kitchens bare for the next occupant upon termination of their rental period. When we moved in, we had to measure, order, and patiently wait for delivery. Thankfully, the delivery occurred a week before Thanksgiving, prompting Donna to offer heartfelt praises to the Lord; amen!



Some years ago, we motivated a young church member, Paulo David, to learn to play the guitar. Intrigued by the idea, he enthusiastically embraced the challenge, and we extended our support. Right away, Paulo exhibited dedication, investing considerable time and effort, ultimately mastering the art of playing the guitar. Unfortunately, his progress was interrupted when he suffered a wrist injury last year, rendering him unable to play. Nevertheless, his determination and time for recovery have paid off, and he has recently resumed playing the guitar in small increments. Once again, Paulo is gracing our congregation with the musical gift bestowed upon him by God.

Our congregation thoroughly enjoys celebrating birthdays by gathering with family and friends for fellowship following the church services held around or on the individual's birthday. We recently marked the birthdays of Paulo David and his mother, Sonia. These gatherings always bring an extra special blessing to everyone involved.



We are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to share the joyous news of two women, Cátia Marcelino (46 years old) and her sister Jociélia Marcelino (65 years old), who have placed their trust in Jesus as their Savior during one of our recent visitations. Please keep them in your prayers as we anticipate guiding and instructing them in the next phase of their walk with the Lord. They grew up with a religious background but were exposed to a different gospel ('another gospel: which is not another;...' - Galatians 1:6b - 7a).



Donna and I are thrilled to share the exciting news of our youngest daughter, Elizabeth, who has recently married. We are particularly grateful for God's divine providence through His people that enabled us to attend her wedding, and I had the honor of officiating the ceremony. Elizabeth, a dedicated 3rd and 4th grade teacher at the Christian School affiliated with her church in National City, CA, is now happily married to Kristoffer Sagana, who also serves in ministry there. As they begin this new chapter together, united in marriage, we kindly ask for your prayers for Elizabeth and Kristoffer as they navigate their journey together and continue their shared commitment to serving the Lord in their respective ministries.

Thank you all for your faithful giving and for the extra Christmas Gifts Too, Amen!
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