

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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I want to start out by apologizing for sending this letter out so late. A lot of things outside of the normal schedule have been going on that has put me behind in sending out a prayer letter. I would appreciate prayers for my wife Stephanie's health. She has had some health troubles for the past year and a half. She recently had to have a procedure done in the hospital and we would be grateful for any extra prayers for her.

On a positive note, the Lord gave our church a special blessing a few weeks ago when we had a teenage girl named **Ingrid** visit our church. After the service was over I was able to witness to her. It was a great joy to have her bow her head and with tears ask Christ to save her soul. She has been back to church three times since then, and I would appreciate prayer that she would grow spiritually.

Another soul that was saved recently, was a woman named **Zenaide**. She was a Catholic woman that we met on visitation. After about forty minutes of us witnessing to her, she bowed her head and accepted Christ.

One of our next projects will involve trying to find a new church building to rent. We have been renting the same building for almost three years, but we are starting to run out of room. The Lord has given us some new folks recently and we are currently lacking the space for a nursery and a Sunday school room. The Lord's hand was very evident when He gave us our current building three years ago and we trust Him to provide wherever He would have us meet next. We would appreciate your prayers that the Lord would give us the right building to rent and make His will plain to us. It's a great blessing to see the church grow with more people, but the process of finding and renting a new place can be frustrating. We covet your prayers.

The month of February marked our 6<sup>th</sup> year in Brazil as missionaries. Serving the Lord here in Brazil has definitely had times of discouragement and trials, but also times of great joy and blessing. *Psalms 126:5-6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.* Through the ups and downs the Lord's hand has always been faithful to comfort, strengthen, and guide. We are grateful to all of the churches and individuals who faithfully pray for us and support us financially. Thank you all for holding the ropes for us and allowing us to represent you here in Brazil.

In Christ, The Dare Family

