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## ACCF NEWSLETTER

News and Events from the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation

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It is said that wise men still seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 says:

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Plan for next year's

ACCF Annual Business Meeting Saturday, April 25, 2020

## Paraguay (South America)

The social project, Escuela de Vida, has grown so much this year. We moved the classes from the garage of the pastor's house to the church property and continued to welcome the kids in our neighborhood to participate with us.

One of our special classes is Literature. In this class, we read the book of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, by C. S. Lewis, and learned through the story about Jesus' sacrifice (represented in



the book by the lion Aslan) in exchange for Edmund's life (representing us). For our final program, November 22nd, the kids are practicing a very exciting skit, based on the book of Narnia. Part of the project is to build their own scenario, so during the art classes each child had the opportunity to paint a mural, their own masks and other things that will be used in their final presentation.

It is so amazing to see how God is using our youth to be an example to the new generation. One of our tutors is Pamela. She's 16 years old and is in charge of the younger kids class (The Overcomers). In her own words, "working as a volunteer is a privilege. Even though in the beginning I struggled with some of the kids' behavior problems, God changed my heart and I started to look at each child with so much love and saw how much they have been changing and responding to the Word of the Lord in every class."

There's no doubt that God is working and that investing in children has a great reward. Our biggest desire is for them to understand that they are lights in this dark world and that they're



called to let this light shine in their homes and schools.

Plans for new Sunday school and Escuela de Vida classrooms are ready! Construction will start soon! Hopefully, we will be able to use the classrooms in March 2020. We will have local builders start the construction, but if there are hard workers who want to be part of a hot, summer construction

project, you are welcomed to contact Bro. Rod Koch (RodneyKoch@cs.com) who usually helps us organize work teams from North America. (December and January are our hottest months of the year.)



We are thankful for all the

donations sent to Paraguay Missions. We were able to finish two walls with stucco and paint just in time for our church's youth conference, BE THE LIGHT! There was a goal to have 100 young kids participate and 125 came! The youth were challenged to bring their school friends and neighbors. God blessed us with deep, uplifting spiritual teaching.

In December, we will be finishing up our year with two annual church camps: one is for youth (13 years old and up), and then kids' camp is for 7-12 year olds. Each activity will be

centered around our theme: Be the Light.

Please remember to pray for us and our growing church and ministries. You can sponsor a child



for Escuela de Vida, \$30 a month (\$360 a year). Your sponsorship provides a child a t-shirt, a Bible, snacks and all of the materials for our classes. Most of our kids are underprivileged and all of them appreciate the benefits and the special attention. Other needs for our project would be a computer school supplies, and

be a computer, school supplies, and construction paper or donations for the classrooms.

We are so thankful for all the prayers and financial support. We pray that God can bless you the same way you are blessing us.



With love,

Karen and Hadassa Caballero

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## Papua New Guinea (Trip Recap)

<u>Papua New Guinea</u> 3 September – 18 September, 2019

"What is the objective of this mission trip?" "To be an encouragement to the churches in PNG."

OK. I was prepared to be that encouragement, but God had

enormous blessings to pour out on our team from the very people we were sent to bless.

Arriving on the island of PNG after a 6 hour drive, a 15 ½ hour flight, a 19 hour layover, a 6 hour flight, an overnight at



First Sunday worship

a mission house, then flying for 1 ½ hours from Port Moresby to Mt. Hagen and driving 6+ hours to our quarters in the Southern Highlands afforded some of the most breathtaking landscape I have ever seen! And to think this is after the flood, after what GOD called "Very good." I can't begin to imagine how glorious heaven will be.

Because we were a larger team, (eight) we were able to take supplies that are hard to get in PNG: guitars, laptops, a printer, sewing kits, women's hygiene kits, etc. Needless to say, we were well loaded down. But all praise and thanks to Jesus, we safely distributed all the items into very thankful hands.

I had seen pictures and heard stories of the welcome our PNG brethren give to all visitors, but nothing prepares you for the roads carpeted with flowers and greens, most elaborate entranceways erected, and the overwhelming vigor of whole communities meeting you with songs of



Mumu at Marko

"Welcome to PNG!"
To see so many people lining the sides of the road and running along beside the jeeps, hoping to catch your eyes looking at them, is indescribable. And when your eyes do connect, their faces erupt into huge, infectious smiles.

This picture is burned into my mind and brings tears to my eyes with every remembrance.

And they worship! All sitting cross-legged on the ground, many with their eyes closed, clearly caught up in giving all glory to our King of kings, Jesus Christ. They sing long and stay fully engaged from beginning to end. When the service

moves into the sermon, many take out paper and pen, but ALL, from the youngest to the oldest, lock their eyes onto the speaker, giving complete undivided attention. To witness



Women's ministry

congregations of 100 – 1000+ all focused on the speaker without moving around or getting up was a new, welcome and admonishing experience for me. To have people crowding up after the service to shake your hand and look into your eyes was a joyful example of loving hospitality taken to wondrous levels!

I pray the amazingly positive impact our PNG brethren made on me and the team continues to grow in us: the importance of the church; acknowledging one another beyond cordiality; what it means to display Christ with our whole mind, body,



On the island of New Britain

and soul; being intimately engaged with full eye contact; giving heartfelt and warm smiles, readily; the Object of and what worshiping with every fiber of our being means; respectfully engaged and giving full attention to the speaker; going

the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and...mile to connect with and welcome all who God brings into our paths, every day; to ever be ready to express deep, deep thankfulness for the gospel in our lives and ALL it means.

Thank YOU, thank YOU, JESUS, for this amazing privilege to see YOU at work in these precious Brothers and Sisters of ours, and to worship YOU together!

To GOD be the glory!

Respectfully submitted by Bethany Weinhardt

### Little Hands Orphanage

(Mexico)

As we look back at the last few months, which have been a whirlwind of changes for the ministry in a short period of time, we can just thank our Heavenly Father for being faithful through it all and helping the children and staff alike through each transition.

We would also like to thank all those who have supported



Our current staff

and continue to support this ministry through thick and thin. The Quinonez family (Bro. Juan Carlos, Sis. Julieta, and Sis. Esmirna), along with Sis. Amara Jahn (Windsor), have all been doing very well with the

children, and continue to help them through their spiritual struggles, as well as their physical struggles. Each day is spent diligently "training them up in the way that they should go", and trying to help transform their minds to realize that past mistreatment can lead to eternal benefit if we do not consider ourselves victims, but rather victors in Jesus!

Recently, 3 of the children were adopted by their Aunt. They missed the fellowship and Sunday services so much that they asked her to continue to bring them to church! We are so thankful that the small seeds planted during their stay at Little Hands have led to growing fruit, and that we can continue to see them in church on a weekly basis! May the Lord continue to bless their souls with this nourishment, and grant the increase.

We are also grateful for those who have given of themselves to offer temporary relief to the full-time caregivers. Three Sisters (Sis. Milana Goodrich, Sis. Emily Baumann, and Sis. Christina Greeninger) enthusiastically answered the ad that was put out for a "Fun Aunt - 1 week option" and offered relief to our caregivers who were then able to rest for a week and have time together with their families. If anyone else feels led to



Fun "Aunt"

do so, please contact Sis. Natasha at casahogartecate@gmail.com. We are now looking for someone willing to cover March 1-15 (or individuals to split these dates!)

Finally, we were also blessed as Sis. Natasha and Bro. Daniel welcomed an additional child into their own home! Little Skylar was born on the 22nd of October and brought along much excitement and joy. The Cervantes family is thankful for those who prayed for



Important life lessons

Fun "Aunt" during this time and as Bro. Daniel transitioned out of the Director position to focus on his own growing family. Continue to pray that the Lord would bless the Director led to join Sis.

As we look forward to many years and children ahead, and continued growth of this ministry (as the Lord permits), we can only thank the Lord and

as another Director is brought on

each of you who have lifted us up in prayer, lent a hand in time of need, or gave of yourself to bless these children. We continue to provide homes for these little hands, only

board.

through the provision of the almighty and powerful hand of God, and we could not do any of it without your love and generosity. May the Lord continue to pour down His blessings on each of you our dear Brothers, Sisters and friends.

In Christ,

The Little Hands family

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Bible reading - the older teaching the younger about the crucification



The past couple of months have been quite busy. We have had two teams come out and work on the vocational school. The first team was lead by Mr. Bob Ritzmann, and the second team consisted of Mr. Cyrene Flores and his son Joshua and

daughter Sabrina.
Each team was made up of team members with specific skill sets that they utilized On the vocational school.



In case you didn't

know, the vocational school is going to be a program dedicated to teaching students who won't be going to college to learn different vocations. The trades that will be included there are: auto-mechanics, welding, plumbing, carpentry, and electrical. We are still in the process of building, but it should be open in the new year, Lord willing.



The third term is coming to a close and the students will be going on break. Recently, all the students had the opportunity to get new sweaters and new shoes!

At the end of October, we took all of the girls from the Girls' Home to the mall for some shopping and dinner. For many of them (if not all) this was their first time at the mall! It was quite shocking to hear that! It was so sweet to hearing them say, "Oh. It is nice here!"

When we all met up for dinner, we saw that they had plastic bags filled with chocolate, ice cream, and different types of potato chips. That was their shopping experience! Dinner was eaten at Nando's (a grilled chicken restaurant) which was a little treat for them. We thought it would be nice for them to get out of the house once in a while. It seems that it takes very little to please them, which is so heart-warming to see and experience.

We decided to see the movie "The Case for Christ" with the girls from the Girls' Home this evening. It was a really nice night!

Since we didn't get the chance to share with all of you about what happened here at Christmas last year, we would just like to take the time to do so now (what with Christmas coming up and all).

The festivities began early in the morning. The children gathered at school on their last day before Christmas break, only to find the school yard buzzing with excitement. On one side of the lawn, Adrian Acs was busy building the manger for the play with his crew, while in the cafeteria, the teachers were busy rehearsing lines with the kids that were to perform in the play later that day. In the home economics room, last minute alterations were being made to the costumes.

Around noon, the whole school gathered in the cafeteria to enjoy a smörgåsbord of goodies. There was chicken, beef, rice, salad, potatoes, and TWO HUGE cakes for dessert!! A bonus for lunch was that EACH AND EVERY CHILD enjoyed a soda! They were freaking out! Yes, you heard that correctly! Those little hands held onto their drinks until late in the evening. They would only take a few sips at a time, nursing their drinks, wishing for it to last forever! These kiddos are so grateful - even for the smallest of things! This never fails to amaze us. After this amazing lunch, the kids went back to their classes for crafts (they made a snowflake).

In the afternoon, we gathered in the cafeteria for a Christmas nativity play and some caroling. Later, we had cake, and distributed gifts to each student! To top the evening off,



Adrian led all the students to the football field and set off some fireworks! They were so scared that they all tore off running in different directions to go hide in the bathrooms! So, this year we plan on having a celebration for the children, if the Lord wills. A group of sisters from the Mansfield congregation took it upon themselves to sew citengelike (citenge is an African fabric) pads for all the teen girls at the school! We are so excited to be

able to present them as gifts this Christmas

We just want to say a big "Thank You!" to all those who made this happen. Thank you to all our donors who pulled off amazing fund-raisers and made this wonderful Christmas happen!

The kids will never ever forget this (and neither will we).

The Delics

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## Tecate/San Jose (Mexico)

#### VBS in San Jose 2019

About 7 hours south of Tucson, Arizona, lies the tiny town of San José de Bacum, Sonora. A little over 20 years ago, a

grandson returned home to his aging grandmother to share the gospel. The church has grown from gathering under the mango tree of Sis. Juanita Quiñones into the tiled and air-conditioned church building that seats 300 children. Every August, a group from Tecate drives 12 hours to San José to run the VBS there the week after the VBS is run in Tecate. This year several regulars could not make it, so some Canadians came along to help, including Sis. Diane Pohanka of Windsor and Bro. Edmund, Sis. Bethany, and Johanna Reinhardt of Toronto.

at age 96, was contributing by squeezing lemons, to make lemonade for the concluding snack. As we canvassed the 8 by 8 blocks and invited the children to come, I was struck by how many were suffering from cancer. The town is also

dealing with the scourge of drugs, with half of the town being involved in some way in the drug trade. But even so, some 350 children, in a town whose population is only 4,300, were eager to attend. It may well be that their parents are hoping that they choose a better path in life. It was striking how well-dressed and well-behaved this group of children was and how eager they were to praise God. The shouts of "Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Allelu,

Alleluia" could be heard at some distance!

Before going down, we helped at the Tecate VBS so we could learn from the excellent work that is done there. It was very heart-warming to see the whole church working together in transporting children from all over Tecate, the creativity and energy of the singing and lessons, the inspiring youth choir that Sis. Lori Greeninger organizes every year, and the food and prizes that cap it all off. We also had a chance to help at the Little Hands orphanage for a day. We could see where the wild fires had reached the gates of the property but went no further. Many thanks to those who prayed for them.

The work team to San José was led by Bro. Jesus Gonzalez,

who was the only one on the team who had ever participated in the San José VBS. We left early Saturday morning and were able to catch the sunrise on



the beautiful and dangerous Ruma Rosa descent. We arrived in time for evening Bible Study, which was led by Bro. Pedro Gonzalez of Tecate. On Sunday afternoon, local minister Bro. Rudolfo Barreras organized all the members of the church to participate in canvassing the town and running the VBS. There were only 17 members of the church and most of them were elderly women, yet even the oldest, Sis. Juanita,

The VBS is held in the evening due to the incredibly hot 120° Fahrenheit weather. What struck us Canadians, was that it didn't really cool off. Even at 4am, when we were packing

up to leave, the humid hot 90 degrees would drench you with sweat. At one point, our air-conditioning broke down, and we were ever so thankful for the handiness of Bro. René



Rodrigues who fixed our air-conditioning units. A blessing of this hot season is to enjoy the luscious fruit, especially the mangos! Some were more than triple the size that we are used to!

Although the singing officially started at 6pm, the children and adults would come at 5 to register and recite their verses. If they had perfect attendance and memorized their verse for every day, they would receive an extra prize and t-shirt on the last day. Another perk of the trip was a visit to a huge candy warehouse. It was quite an assembly line to package over 500 treat bags.

The parents and adults had a class as well. It was touching to see one father of 10-year-old twin girls, who was unable to read. He was often the first there and his daughters patiently taught him the verse so that he could also participate.

The theme was on the Armour of God, as illustrated by Bible stories. We pray that the seed of God's Word would bring forth fruit in the lives of all these children who are going to face many challenges in life. On the final evening the special gift

bags and t-shirts were distributed, and the church prepared a special meal for everyone. Afterward, we invited everyone to hear the choir program that the youth had prepared. We concluded with an evangelistic thought based on the program and said our fond farewells.

Please pray for this small flock. They had only 3 Brothers, and the youngest, Bro. Ignacio, died in a tragic motorcycle accident soon after the VBS, leaving behind his elderly mother and





3 children. We pray that the Lord would raise up more labourers to help this tiny church hold up their light in a corner of the world that desperately needs it.

In His service,

Edmund, Bethany, Johanna Reinhardt (Toronto) Diane Pohanka (Windsor)



Greetings from south of the border!

VBS: August was our opportunity, again, to share God's Word with 100-200 children and adults in Tecate. This year the theme was the armor of God(from Ephesians 6), and our prayer is that as we use that armor, we can be victorious servants of Jesus, and that His church can be strengthened in these latter days. Blessing us with support and their presence were believers and friends from Windsor, W Akron, Toronto, and California. May the Lord bless all who have prayed and supported this work.

Then a van full (15) went to San Jose, Sonora to have the VBS there. (see the report from Bro. Edmund)

RETREAT: On a hot summer Saturday in September, our church gathered on the outskirts of Tecate. We thank the Roldan family for hosting us. Even with the 100 degree heat, our souls were refreshed as we heard God's Word, testimonies of Gods' goodness, and enjoyed games with all ages.

SHARING BIBLES: We are thanking the Lord and the Canadian Brethren for Bibles- New Testaments, which we passed out at the local high school. We were pleasantly surprised how the security guard responded positively when we arrived: "What a blessing " he said, and began singing hymns as we passed out the Bibles and tracts. The 80 New Testaments were passed out within an hour, and many asked, "Do I need to pay for it?" One girl asked for more of our tracts, so that she could share them with more people. She was excited, and said: "What made you come? We really need this." Also, we were able to buy Bible story books for each child at the Little Hands Orphanage, where they read together. When children leave to be adopted, we are sending a Bible to each family. Thank you for serving the Lord together with us. And we ask that you continue to pray for us. May the Lord reward you richly.

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### Canaan Land Ministries

(Brazil)

Dear friends and supporters of CLM,

We are happy to share with you what God has been doing at CLM in the past few months. We are grateful for your continual support in prayer and giving.

#### Father's Day

August 11<sup>th</sup> was Father's Day in Brazil. These dates can be complicated for the CLM children. However, we focus on honoring those that God has put in the children's lives to teach, protect, and bless them, even though they are not blood relatives. On this day, **Edilson (18)**, our oldest boy, read a letter that he wrote to caregiver Cristiano and to all the CLM

fathers. We would like to share some of his thoughts: In this time that I have been here, life has offered me a second father....You are always nearby, you know how to help, support, teach, love, embrace, always by our side. A father is also the person who, even though he doesn't share the same blood, can multiply himself to share the love. ...We will never forget that we are always treated as sons and daughters, to love, play, smile, hug, cry together when necessary. We are sad when we hurt you who are always teaching us. I love you all very much. Love, Edilson

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

On August 31st, we celebrated Leticia's birthday. In Brazil, the fifteenth birthday for a girl is very special, so we had her party in the fellowship hall at church. Geni, her caregiver, with the help of a few others, worked hard on all the decorations. It was a beautiful party. Leticia was radiating that day and very thankful for the special love shown to her.

#### Older teens gaining independence

We are thankful that once our teens reach 18, although they are no longer

officially at CLM under a judge's order, we are allowed to maintain them here as long as necessary (legally until 21) for them to be as prepared for independent life as possible. Edilson turned 18 in January of this year. He is in his second year of high school. In August, he obtained his driver's license. In October, he finished his apprenticeship program at the local co-op and was offered a permanent job with the company, which he accepted. He is engaged to a beautiful Christian girl named Poliana. To help Edilson prepare for life on his own, he has left the family group of Cristiano and Thais and is living alone in one of the apartments on the second floor of the main building. Keep him in your prayers, that his decisions will be wise, and that he can see the advantage of letting us help him.

One of our other teens also turned 18 in October. Patricia



Edilson and Poliana

did not qualify for the apprenticeship program because she is very behind in her studies, still working to finish middle

school. However, she is looking for a job and we are praying that the Lord will open the doors for her to acquire her first work experience. Please be praying for Patricia and the plans that God has for her.

#### Goodbyes in the past few months

Samuel (16) had run away from CLM several times this year and was putting himself in dangerous situations. In September, his brother Carlos (19) decided to ask for the guardianship of Samuel, and it was granted. Pray that Samuel will value the tremendous act of love that his brother

has shown him, and that he will also value his own life and future.

In October, we had two more children leave CLM. Israel (8) was adopted, and Suzana (16) went to live with her older sister, Aline, fulfilling a long-time dream of Suzana's. Please pray for their adaptation. Pray for Israel's older brothers Pablo (12) and Iago (10), who were left behind at CLM.

#### Vitoria's return

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, Vitoria (15) was discharged from the psychiatric clinic after 5 months and made the journey home to CLM. She continues her high school education and apprenticeship program at the Agraria. We are still trying to get her medication regulated, and she is having a lot of

stomach problems. Please pray for her patience as these issues get worked out, and that she will not become unduly discouraged by these difficulties.

#### **New Girl**

Luzilia (14) arrived on October 4<sup>th</sup> and is slowly adapting to life at CLM. It is going to be a long process, as she was accustomed to life on the streets without appropriate limits. Please pray that the Lord will help us to reach her heart and show her how precious she is to God.



Luzilia

#### **New Baby**

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, baby Heitor was born to CLM president Anderson Kasnocha and his wife Daniele. Both mother and baby are doing well (see picture on pg 9), and big brother João (4) is excited about his baby brother!

Please continue to keep the CLM kids and team in your prayers, as the daily struggles are many, and the enemy is actively trying to destroy the work God is doing in the lives of the children and missionaries. Pray for the new kids that may soon arrive to take the place of those who have left. May God (continued on page 9)

### Green Olive Tree Ministries

(Brazil)

Greetings from GOTM -Gravata, Brazil

We, Brent and Debbie, just finished a wonderful six weeks together in the US, and have topped that time off by now traveling to Brazil where Debbie will spend an additional two weeks getting reacquainted with sons and daughters, and once again enjoy fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ here at GOTM. The welcome was warm, both in weather and human touch. Our hearts were overwhelmed with the emotion of home and family, of the love of the small community of fellow believers, with the tropical, rugged beauty of the living spot the Lord has afforded to us, and the awareness of the many needs and opportunities in this dot on God's earth.

The purpose of the publishing of the ACCF Newsletter is to give updates on the activities of each mission, how time on the field is spent and the use of the generous financial gifts that make it all possible. While the trivial round of the common tasks of living and the reaching out to things beyond ourselves fill our days, our minds are often drawn to "wondering" - what is The ultimate purpose? The profitable result? Next steps, goals, plans? How do we convince those at home that it is all worthwhile?

In a society that dwells on tasks and results, we ask your leave, to update not specific activities or fund raising needs or profit margins, but rather to take another look at the general assignment- the mission we believe we have been sent on, and how we see it, and ourselves, at this point

1. As stated in the last letter, the needs

have not changed in the GOTM area of ministry- we are still surrounded by lonely, lost, disconnected hurting people who need the Lord.

- 2. In the ministry of reaching out to that lost group, the Lord has repeatedly asked us to take ones of His choosing into our home and hearts. Give them a family.
- 3. We are committed to being the real, permanent parents of the many, given in various ways, by the Lord. Though the Lord has asked us, as husband and wife, to leave the comfort of the presence of each other, for a time, in order to meet peculiar family needs in two countries, we are still a couple, joined by love for each other, and for and in Christ, and we are a family in every sense of the word. Geography does not change that.
- 4. The family is expanding. More people are calling us Dad and Mom. More people are finding solace in belonging to a family. Legal documents and last names don't define its members. Need does.

The bottom line, Family is the mission the Lord entrusted to us many years ago. He has not released us from that calling. Mission = Family. Green Olive Tree Ministries ministers to people who need the total care that only a family can give. The ministry of family is not one easily measured in numbers and activities and results. The Lord has not entrusted to us the simple task of getting "Our kids" to adult age and independent life. We have various family members who will need to stay well inside the unit for a lifetime. He has not given us the vantage of looking forward to an empty nest. The nest will always need tending.

At this point we see our task as that of remaining faithful, taking the road one curve and one bump at a time. Being content to be where the journey takes us. Keeping our eyes on the light that does shine at the end of the tunnel. Debbie will return to Johnstown on November 16 and Brent will remain in Brazil. In both countries, caring for the family, fellowship with the body of Christ, and interacting with the communities in which we have been called to live will be our daily round, seeking to display to a hurting world, the love of Christ and the beauty of Family.

One memorable night during our time together in the US, we attended a Steve Green concert. His music ministry brought back to our attention the songs that have so encouraged us in the past. One in particular, which was not sung that night, expresses the prayer of our hearts and clarifies for us the place we are to call home:

Give me ears to hear your Spirit, Give me feet to follow through

Give me hands to touch the hurting, And the faith to follow You

Give me grace to be a servant, Give me mercy for the lost

Give me passion for Your glory, Give me passion for the lost

And I will go where there are no easy roads, Leave the comforts that I know And I will go and let this journey be my home. I will go. I will go.

May the Lord grant His grace and mercy and peace as we each learn to feel at home in the journey to our eternal home.

Love in Christ, Brent and Debbie olivetre24@gmail.com

(CLM continued) send those He has in mind to be part of the CLM family!

Blessings, The CLM Team

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## Nepomuceno (Brazil)

Dear Friends.

We praise God for your faithful prayers on behalf of this ministry and His faithful provision! In our last update, we asked for your prayers that God would raise up volunteers to

come down and teach English to our children. Thankfully, we have been in contact with someone who is interested in serving here in this capacity. Please be praying that



God would continue to confirm His calling and prepare the way for this young man to come. Pray that the Lord would also raise up more volunteers to come and help in this ministry.

We also mentioned in our last update, that our After-School Program would be starting back up in August. We praise God and thank you for your prayers that this Program is going well and helping the lives of several neighborhood children. Please continue to keep this outreach opportunity in your prayers.

The holiday season is fast approaching and Christmas will be here soon. With that in mind, we would like to encourage



you all to, once again, send Christmas cards to our boys. They so look forward to this tradition every year, and it is a special gift just for them. This is a great activity

to do with Sunday School classes or with your family! Here are a list of things you could possibly include in the cards: Photos of you/your family, stickers, gum, hot chocolate packets, juice packets, candy, dollar bills, coins, etc.

Here are some phrases that you can use in your cards:
Jesus love you—Jesus te ama
Merry Christmas—Feliz Natal
Happy New Year—Feliz Ano Novo
I'm praying for you/We're praying for you—Eu estou orando
por você/Nós estamos orando por você
Bible Verses- (translated through Bible Gateway)

The address of the home is:

Familia Adonai Caixa Postal 4 Nepomuceno, MG Brazil 37250-000

Our boys names are: João Marcos (10), Paulo (11), Davi (12), Pedro (12), Ronan (14), Ezequiel (16), and Miro (60), and our workers' children



are: Maria Julia (7), Daniel (9), João Othavio (10). Our After School Program kids' names are: Gabriel (9), Mateus (9), Wagner (10), Alisson (11), Gleison (12), Marcos Vinicius (12), and Alifer (13). Feel free to send to just our boys or to all of the children that we minister to on a daily basis. We appreciate you remembering our children in this way and blessing them with this simple gesture of love!

For some time now, the roof of our dormitory has been



deteriorating
and in need of
a replacement.
The dormitory is
currently used on
a daily basis as a
home for one of our
caretaker couples,
a place where our
boys and After
School Program

kids complete their homework and have study time, and a break room for the workers who do not live here at the home. Thankfully, due to some generous donations, we are able to replace the roof and restore safety to those who use this building on a daily basis. Construction is underway and although some recent thunderstorms have delayed the work, we are hoping that the roof will be completed soon.

We thank you for your faithful financial contributions, which help us with projects like this, and in the daily care of the children the Lord has entrusted to us. We also need and appreciate your continued prayer support. Thank you for partnering with us in these ways!

In Him, Heltton and Katy Brandão

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## just for thought...

#### WILL THEY SEE JESUS?

Over the past 30+ years I have spent many days with my father, Konrad Weinhardt, working on our farm. During this time, we have had an influx of neighbors, friends and farmers come and visit at our workshop. Some came to borrow, some came for machinery repairs and some just for a visit. Over those many years, it would be very, very rare for my father to not find a way to bring up the work of God in a conversation. It happened so often that people came to expect it, even seek it out when they were going through a difficult time in their life.

Several years ago, my father had his own difficult time and required open heart surgery. Many neighbors were concerned and came by to see him, encourage him, and even pray with him.

On the day of my fathers surgery, a dear Christian friend of mine called to comfort me. He prayed with me and then said something I will never forget. He said "when the doctor and nurses open your fathers chest today and get to his heart, they are going to see Jesus. Don't worry, God is in control."

Those words have had such a profound affect on me. I think on them often and I pray that those words could be said of me. I pray that others could see Jesus in my heart everyday. It is something I strive for.

I just want to encourage you all to think about the state of your own heart. If it was to be opened up, would they see Jesus? Let us all strive, together, to be sure that is the case. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

For His Kingdom,

Frank Weinhardt, ACCF Trustee



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