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# ZION MINISTRIES

Mount Abarim Baptist Mission International

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalm 122:6*



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Dear Friends of Zion:

Thanks to all who prayed and gave to help us complete 48 years of missionary service in Brazil on this past August 30. "Too late with too little" to reach Brazil for the Messiah was our first sensation on arriving.

That feeling was exaggerated as we struggled to get out of São Paulo on August 1 to begin a weekend evangelistic conference, celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our second church in Cajuru. In spite of a vicious bout with the flu, physical weakness and a hoarse voice, I was able to speak four times. The Lord blessed with ten decisions for salvation. As I was in the pulpit reading the text for the first message on Friday night, the Holy Spirit led me to change the theme of my messages and speak, not on soul winning as I had prepared, but on problematic Christians, bad attitudes, lying and unforgiving spirits. The pastor was so shocked after the sermon on Sunday morning that, during the invitation at the close of the service, he told the people he had not talked with me about church problems. Many people confessed their wrong attitudes, sought forgiveness and rededicated themselves to live and act differently.

One week after the meeting, the little church that seats a hundred or less was filled to capacity. About a thousand people overflowed onto the lawn and into the street. But not for the reason one might wish! A young man from the church, showing off his new car on a Sunday afternoon, lost control as he was passing another vehicle, hit and uprooted a tree. It fell across the car, killing him and two friends. Another wavered between life and death in the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital. It shook the whole town and neighboring towns. Even though he grew up in church, this nineteen-year-old had wandered away from the Lord but had recently rededicated his life to serve God. He told the pastor he wanted his life to be used to help other young people avoid such a pitfall. His tragic death is impacting young people from many churches in that area. A special area-wide youth meeting was held in honor and memory of those who died. Souls have been saved as a result of the accident.

A new, larger auditorium, mentioned in previous prayer letters, is scheduled to be built on the grounds where the thousand or so people stood for the funeral. The seemingly endless list of bureaucratic details and red tape seems to grow longer and more entangled every day. May God give the victory. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Yours for the Messiah,

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**PRAISE:**

1. Professions of faith: 20.
2. Multiple opportunities to witness and minister personally.
3. God's blessings on the evangelistic conference in Cajuru and stirring fires of repentance.
3. God's help not to be precipitated but to wait on the Lord as delays seem to increase in almost all areas of development.

**PRAYER:**

1. Salvation of Jews and Gentiles.
2. Bible study helps, especially a.) Expanded Edition of Evangelism Notes for a secular bookstore. b.) Limited notes edition for Brazilian R\$1.99 Stores, similar to USA Dollar Stores.
3. New churches, growth of existing ones, and Guacuri, on hold.
4. APPS, CD, MP3, and Audio Bible problems and opportunities.

