



ZION MINISTRIES

Mt. Abarim Baptist Mission International

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



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Dear Friends of Zion:

Your faithful prayers and offerings make it possible for us to continue our work. Thank you so much!

Pastor Alexandre Dutra, President of our Brazilian Jewish Ministry, and his family were elated with their three-week trip to Israel. They visited Brazilian Jewish friends, saved and unsaved, whom we helped make Aliyah (immigration) to Israel and others who are volunteer workers there. The Dutras were thrilled to see various ones who were touched through our ministry in the past, now evangelizing in Israel using different angles of approach to reach people. Visiting unsaved Jewish friends and their families gave them opportunity to witness for Christ one more time. A new contact they met opened the door for many more Brazilian volunteers to go to Israel for periods of six months to two years, with food and housing provided, plus free time for whatever they wish to do after a six-hour work shift.

The church in Aracati put on hold their plans to beautify their choir and pulpit area, preferring to raise money for the developing congregation in Itapecerica. (I hope we will be able to help Aracati with the remodeling they postponed.) Last November and December, some services were conducted on Tuesday nights in the garage at the home of Leocy and his wife Ecy, with a high attendance of 32 people sitting down and others standing up. Neighbors' curiosity was aroused as they heard the singing and preaching. In January, services were cancelled temporarily so Leocy could expand the area of his garage in order to make room for 40 adults to be seated and also add a wall to make a division for a children's class and two bathrooms. How exhilarating the joy of united hearts! Without being aware of each other, Pastor Waldir, Leocy, and their wives prayed for about fourteen years for a church in Itapecerica. God allowed us to be instruments in His hands to bring them together at just the right moment: One with the desire to start the work, the other with a desire to offer his home for services!

To GOD be the glory! May God richly bless you all.

Yours for the Messiah,

Tom and Linda Gilmer

PRAISE:

1. Professions of faith: 5.
2. One new and another improved Portuguese APP for Bible reading and concordance research.
3. Safe return of Pr. Alexandre and family from ministry in Israel in January.

PRAYER:

1. Salvation of Jews and Gentiles.
2. Ongoing projects (Bible study helps, media outlets, and warehouse for Bibles)
3. Work on History of the Portuguese Bible.
4. Meire (Mary), a faithful participant of Friends of Zion, between life and death with pancreatic cancer.
5. Preparations for East Timor Tetum Bible translation project.