



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:

Thanks once again for praying and giving! As of January 1, Brazil has a conservative president, Jair Bolsonaro. The LORD helped us keep the doors of witness open to both liberal-socialist and conservative Jews during the presidential race. An editor of a Jewish magazine, who at one time accused us of committing genocide by witnessing to Jews, published an editorial praising the work of "evangelicals" (the secular press's terminology for non-Catholic Christians) for being greatly responsible for the election of the new, conservative president, senators and representatives. The new government's stated goal is to steer Brazil away from socialism and corruption and into decency, morality, and honesty. **YOU WHO PRAYED HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!!!!**

Israel's Prime Minister, Bibi Netanyahu, came to Brazil several days before the inauguration, the first ever to visit Brazil, motivated by President Bolsonaro's plan to move the Brazilian Embassy to Jerusalem. Netanyahu also recognized the importance of "evangelicals" in Bolsonaro's election and in changing Brazil's official position from that of pro-Palestinian to pro-Israeli. We receive news from several news agencies in Israel. Almost daily some story or news note speaks of the love and support of Bible-believing Christians for Israel and mentions the growing number of Christians who live in Israel, the only country in the Middle East where Christians are safe.

A Brazilian missionary to East Timor, Lourinaldo Araújo, requested that we of the Trinitarian Bible Society of Brazil (SBTB) accept the challenge to translate the Bible into the TETUM language. He says, "East Timor was a colony of Portugal for over 400 years; thus, the PORTUGUESE of the colonizers and the TETUM of the natives are the official languages. . ." Sadly, only about five percent of the people are functionally literate in Portuguese. For a translation in TETUM to succeed, we need the help of all missionaries who work in East Timor. Do you know anyone? Through SBTB we furnish them with the most exact Portuguese text. The parts of the Bible that are available in their heart language are flawed. While they need a Bible in TETUM, the people of East Timor also need to be taught good Portuguese so they can understand the Bible and become leaders in their country.

Please note that our Brazilian zip code has been changed from CEP 04089-972 to **CEP 04082-970**. Our post office has changed locations in recent weeks and caused much confusion. We were notified that a package was returned unclaimed! So please make a note of this change in your records. May God richly bless you all.

Yours for the Messiah,

Tom and Linda Gilmer

PRAISE:

1. Professions of faith: 1.
2. Jewish leaders in Brazil and Israel are more open to evangelization.
3. Success of the new President of Brazil in fighting crime.
4. Progress in the Cajuru church.
5. New project of Bible translation in TETUM, the native language of East Timor.

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. Pastor Alexandre and his family in Israel during January, visiting saved and unsaved Jews whom we helped make Aliyah (immigration) to Israel.