



# 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:

Linda and I thank you for your faithful offerings and for praying for our work.

ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, demanding an elevator, ramps, and off-street parking spaces for at least 18 cars at our first church, Templo Batista de Indianópolis (TBI): What a miracle! One of our faithful supporting churches wrote, offering to match up to \$10,000 (dollar for dollar) offerings received for this project by December 31.

Pastor Marcos is challenging TBI, and Missionary Daniel Bennett is challenging the deaf church that meets on the second floor of the educational building, to give the equivalent of \$10,000 by December, above their regular tithes and Faith Promise missions offerings. This will cover the cost of an elevator. Humanly speaking, this is impossible in light of today's economy, but the people are excited and promised to give all they can. Would you also give a special offering for this need? It will help guarantee that we receive the matching gift of \$10,000, even if our Brazilian brethren do not reach their goal. If the Brazilians do reach their goal, and we receive \$10,000 or more from our contributors, we will be able to complete more of the government regulations. Thank you for being extremely faithful prayer and financial partners for continuity and expansion of our multi-ministry outreach.

On September 21 we were in Limeira, on our way to a ladies' retreat sponsored by missionaries Pam and Gary Tyler, where Linda would be speaking to over 300 ladies from various churches. Tom was riding with the man who was leading the way to the location, and Linda was following in our car. At the first intersection, a car driven by an unlicensed driver, with a wife and two children, no seatbelts and no insurance, hit our car at high speed on the driver's side near the front door. The impact was such that the seatbelt and airbags in our car were released with such force that Linda's sternum (breast bone) was broken and very bruised. The woman in the other car sustained a broken pelvis. The other occupants were uninjured. Linda spent one night in the hospital and was released with the recommendation of 30 days' rest. Praise God, our insurance covered all our loss. Friends from the Tylers' Emanuel Baptist Church in Limeira are following up and witnessing to that family.

On the positive side, a young pastor's wife who grew up at TBI as a teenager was suddenly thrown into the responsibility of leading the ladies' retreat (that's another story!) and at the last minute found herself having to be the speaker for the event as well! She was totally prepared! To God be the glory!

May God richly bless you all.

Yours for the Messiah,

*Tom & Linda*

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**PRAISE:**

1. Professions of faith: 13.
2. Progress in digital and print projects.
3. Offer of \$10,000 matching fund for the ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT.
4. Deliverance from car accident.

**PRAYER:**

1. Salvation decisions, Jews and Gentiles.
2. Ongoing projects (Bible study helps, media outlets, warehouse for Bibles, exportation of Bibles).
3. East Timor Tetum Bible translation project.
4. Two new directors for Bible printing ministry.
5. More churches to help in the handicapped accessibility requirements for TBI, our first church.