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NEWS FROM THE FIELD

We are thankful to report that we had a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year's celebration. We had the privilege of traveling up to Belém for a couple of weeks to visit with family shortly after Christmas. We were so glad that our daughter Keila was able to come from the States for Christmas vacation. We have been blessed that she has been able to come during every vacation until now. Of course we don't know how long she will be able to do that, since college is getting more and more expensive. Nevertheless, it has been wonderful up until now.

Speaking of school, Keila made a mid-year change of college and is now getting used to her new school. Please pray for her. Meanwhile, Stacy is doing well in her Abeka home-school program. She has 1½ years left and is busy doing PSAT and SAT tests in preparation for college. She is considering pursuing a music degree at Pensacola Christian College, but would also like to be near her sister in Texas. We are praying for God's wisdom in her life as we consider all the options. While still in high school, she is also studying music, and she has even started playing the keyboard in church. That is something we have really been praying for, so we are truly thankful.

As far as the work is concerned, we are progressing slowly but surely in the new church here in Palmas. In December, it became necessary for us to change the name of the new church from Grace Baptist Church to the Independent Baptist Church. It so happens that another large neo-evangelical church in the area had a major split, and one of the groups, a rather large group, started a church just a block or two from where we are meeting and decided they wanted our name too. Instead of fighting over the name, and since we are a fairly new church anyway, we just decided to change our name. The church members seem to be very happy with the new name.

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we understand that God always supplies our needs, He also says, "...ye have not, because ye ask not." Therefore, this month, we have some items that we would ask for you to pray specifically for:

- 1. This term, our support level has dropped some. In addition, prices have been increasing considerably, especially for fuel. Please pray that God will meet our needs, and perhaps add some churches that we visited while we were on furlough. We feel we really need some new prayer and financial partners, if God is willing. If you don't already, would you prayerfully consider partnering with us on a monthly financial basis? Surely, it will be fruit to your heavenly account.
- 2. Please pray for God to open the doors to a more permanent meeting place for the Independent Baptist Church here in Palmas. The hotel meeting room has been nice, but we are extremely limited, since we only have the place on Sunday evenings. There are other places available, but prices are quite high on "commercial" rent.
- 3. Please pray for souls to be saved in the work here in Palmas. We have only seen one person make a profession of faith so far. Pray that we will stay encouraged and keep on seed-planting, trusting God to bring fruit in His perfect time. Please pray specifically for the salvation of the families of Palmiro Araújo and Alex Coimbra.

Thank you for your investment in our family and ministry. May God richly bless you!

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18a