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I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^a just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17 NIV

Forwarding Agent News

As always I would like to thank everyone for your continued support! We appreciate the dedication of all our supporting churches and individuals, without you the Brazil Evangelism mission would not have been possible for the last 48 years. We pray that God blesses you richly.

It was a joy for me to hear from Jim all the good comments from everyone about me doing the job of forwarding agent. I have been doing this job for a little over a year now and, I think, am finally getting everything understood and figured out.

It has been a blessing as well to have a new church support Brazil Evangelism - Christian Mission Church in Sand Springs, OK. They began their support last year when Brazil Evangelism was chosen to be their mission for their V.B.S. program. Since that time Jim has visited with the church through Skype and personally when he was in the States. Now the church is sending monthly support. Praise God!

We have also seen a raise in support from a few churches. This is truly a blessing in this economy of today. Thank you.

You will notice in this newsletter that there is not a complete financial report. This is because something has happened to the Quicken program on my computer. At the present time I'm not able to get into the program to add new or retrieve old financial information.

I am waiting on Quicken to respond to my request for support. Because of this problem I will include a complete financial report for 4 months instead of for 2 months as usual in the next newsletter.

New Bank Charges

Since April 1st there has been a new bank charge added when Jim takes money out of his account for his salary. This new fee is called "MasterCard Cross Boarder Fee". The fee averages about \$3.55 each time there is a withdrawal. Added to this is the \$1.25 bank ATM charge. So now it looks like the cost for Jim each time he makes a withdrawal for his salary will be about \$4.80.

If anyone knows more about this fee please e-mail me the information.

CBS TV Show Survivor

Did you know that the TV show Survivor aired on CBS is set this year in Tocantins, Brazil!?! That's right, the state of Brazil where Jim has been doing ministry for decades is being highlighted in this hit show.

I haven't watched the show for years, but with it being in the state of Tocantins it drew my interest. I'm not promoting the show, but thought you might be interested in the terrain and climate of where they are at this year. Terrain and climate are the same where Jim is doing ministry.

Sent With A Prayer To:

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Feb. - March 2009 Giving

This report is not complete because of the problem I'm having with Quicken as explained on page 1.

Giving from Churches
& Individuals = \$4,989.00

Feb. - March Expenses

Jim's Salary =	\$4,000.00
Postage =	\$43.79
Auto Fuel =	\$34.93
Auto Rental =	\$126.74
Lodging =	\$45.92
Food @ Airport =	\$9.38
Smarte Cart =	\$3.00
Withdrawal by Jim - misc. needs while in the States =	\$255.32
Bank Charge =	\$1.25

E-mails from Jim

Feb. 27, 2009

We had a very good Congresso with people coming from Marabá (a bus and van full), São Luis and Guarí. This year it was held at a chacara near Araguaína and people put up tents. We went every evening back to Nonato's house with the girls that had gone with us. I will send some pictures I took, and some that Nonato took if he sends them to me.

There were 8 people baptized in the creek that ran through the area where we had the Congresso. It rained the first two days, but the last day was sunshine. The first meeting on the program began in the evening of the 21st. The last was a churrasco at noon on the 25th. I had my classes under a big mango tree and the people made a big circle so I could see everyone. I had questions for them to fill out every class. I preached one time. Álvaro Pestana, from the Bible college where some of our people have studied in Campo Grande, was the featured speaker. The messages were all very good.

We stopped at Nova Olinda to see Mercê, Maria Felix's sister. We had lunch there. (We was 5 girls, Maria Felix and myself) We arrived in Guaraí in time to get the girls and their baggage home, then it rained.

Terezinha, Maria Felix's sister who lives in Araguaína, had a lump removed from her breast on the 17th. but is doing well. Socorro, her sister who lives in Arapoema, was hospitalized, but is now home and doing well. I think Maria Felix will be going to visit her Monday.

I am having homiletics class with some boys each week. Next week they are to each have a 5 minute message for me.

Maria Felix just came and called me to go help catch two chickens, so I guess we are to have chicken soon.

I am not sure how things are going with finances. Here many have lost jobs and new car buying is way down. They have changed things here so that as far as I know now, I can only cash R\$ 600,00 at a time. On the 10th I

was able to get R\$ 1,000.00 but since that time it has been in R\$ 600,00 at a time. The last I saw on the news, \$ 1.00 = R\$ 2,346.

Jim

March 12, 2009

March 5th Maria Felix and I left for Araguaína as Maria Felix had an appointment with a lawyer because a squatter had built on a lot she had bought in 92. The squatter had been advised that the lot had an owner, but he continued on. In Brazil squatters have all kinds of rights! There were many lies told, which everyone could see were lies. In Brazil there is no law against lying, as there is in the US. It ended up that Maria Felix paid R\$ 500,00 to the man and is to pay another R\$ 500,00 later. Also she paid R\$ 800,00 for lawyer fees. The squatter paid nothing. He is to remove the buildings he put on the land and be off by the end of the year. Maria Felix was very upset about it, but I think is feeling better now. She paid R\$ 1,000.00 for the lot and it is now worth R\$ 15,000.00, so she is still ahead.

Sunday, March 8th. the preacher of the Baptist church in Arapoema called Nonato and told him that the nurse had told him Socorro, sister of Nonato and Maria Felix, was very ill and had only a short time to live. Nonato went from Araguaína and we left from Guaraí with Nonato's three children that had come with us from Araguaína on Friday.

The preacher had thought that Nonato should tell Socorro of her health situation, but he decided it best not to, as when a nurse had talked to her about her health she had fainted.

Maria Felix and I also took two chickens from our yard that we had caught and dressed.

It turned out to be a special time. Socorro's husband was baptized Sunday. Socorro had been a Christian for years, now her husband is and he was really happy about it.

Sunday night it rained at church time, so we had very few out.

The Belém – Brasilia highway has many holes in it now. They are around 2 or 3 feet wide and 4 to 8 inches deep. Some may even be deeper. Most of them can be missed. They can be disastrous on little cars. One has to be on the alert when passing a truck, because he may cross to the other side of the road to miss a hole, and there may be holes on the left side that would hinder you from passing him. It is very dangerous at night or when raining.

I have a homiletics class with two young men tomorrow after a Bible class with another family at 7:30 PM. I always hope to be through by 10:00

We went for a walk this morning at 6:00 AM. We walk for about an hour usually, but this morning there was a special program at the park in front of Valmor's and Miriam's for "old people" so we went, and did their exercises and didn't get home until 10:00AM.

I will try to send you some pictures from Maria Felix's laptop of the baptisms at the Congresso. I can't seem to get any sent from mine.

Jim

I never did get the pictures of the baptisms. It would have been great to include them in this newsletter. Please continue to pray for Jim, Maria, and the mission work in Brazil.