

# The KOKENZIE Family



DECEMBER 2011 / JANUARY 2012

## MINISTRY

- \* Evangelizing the Lost
- \* Establishing Churches
- \* Edifying the Converts
- \* Entrusting Them to the Lord

-- Acts 14:21-23 --

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The electronic version of this prayer letter comes with additional information and pictures. You may either request your copy via e-mail or view it on our ministry site.

We also deeply appreciate your interest and correspondence. Feel welcome at anytime to share with us your questions or comments.

## DEAR PRAYING PARTNERS:

As God has enabled you to continue supporting our ministry, we have been set free to focus entirely on the effort here. We have basically balanced two sides to our work. One is the care of *São Paulo Baptist Church* and the other is our preparation for the move northward into Rondônia, which, we trust, will take place within the first half of 2012.

*November.* On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, I preached at a mission conference in the nearby shantytown of *Paraisópolis*. It is amazing to consider that a church in such a region is taking world evangelism upon their shoulders. From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>, our teenagers participated in camp. This was a first-time experience for them. They have not stopped talking about it. God really worked in their hearts. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, my parents arrived and showered us with love and gifts. They stayed into December, and we are deeply grateful for the time the Lord gave us with them. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, our church had a special Thanksgiving service, which had a much higher attendance than anyone expected. It was overwhelming. We were able to give the gospel to a number of visitors. Please pray for fruit from all these November events.

*December.* On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held another Gospel Day, this time at the church we used to attend, *First Baptist of Parque Bristol*. About 45 people participated and there were nine known and recorded professions of faith! We are still seeing fruit as a result of these Gospel Days. Selina and Gabriel had birthdays on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are now seven and five, and continue to be a wonderful blessing in our home and ministry. We held our Christmas Cantata on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We had another great turnout in spite of a power outage and people being delayed by as much as 45 minutes. We were able to point several to Christ, and our earnest desire is that they will place *all* their faith in Him. Please pray for us to see fruit from these gospel outreaches.

*2012.* The New Year is already upon us. We intend to labor vigorously to help this church, even though our sites are set on Rondônia. Classes and lessons continue in full force. We are planning another Gospel Day in February. Your continued prayers are coveted. We need *wisdom, faith* and *resources*.

The longer we are in Brazil the greater we realize the needs here. Brazil desperately needs solid, studious and zealous ministers of the gospel. We pray for laborers and seek to make disciples, and yet are overwhelmed with how much more is yet to be done here! If a thousand ministers were made available today for work in Brazil, they could be so placed as to not overlap the labors of the others. This country is massive and the needs are great. Please pray!

Thankful to be in Brazil,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

PS: Our new family photo is available at [www.BraziltotheUttermost.com](http://www.BraziltotheUttermost.com)!

## “BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US”