

The KOKENZIE Family

"REACHING THE WORLD THROUGH BRAZIL BY
BEARING WITNESS OF CHRIST'S SAVING POWER"



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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:

God gives miracles, *when there are needed*. This means they usually are preceded by some trials. February had a good dose of both. Teaching in the Bible Institute went well! And, then there was the following...

Because of Elijah's fall, we had to go to the dentist three times. Strangely, they asked that we only pay for the final visit! Three visits, two x-rays, a teeth cleaning and some work (done twice) to steady Elijah's loose tooth, and we only had to pay about US\$90!

Julie's dad suffered from a bacterial infection of the blood, plus spinal meningitis. All glory to God, after open-heart surgery, his abilities to remember, speak and walk are normal. He still has a long road to go, but they even let him come home today! Please, continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Our car started overheating and strangely had *no* oil at all in it. We could not find a leak underneath, but did discover a deteriorated thermostat and a special plug on top the engine that lacked a seal. In the States, a thermostat may sell for as cheap as US\$6. One store was charging here about US\$150! Thankfully, the mechanic, on his day off, found one for around US\$30, drove me to the store to pick it up, and installed it on the same day. Plus he flushed our radiator and fixed the emergency brake.

Jeremy found a professional printer who would print our tracts. We had just about given up hope, but God provided. The tracts just arrived today, and we plan to begin distributing them immediately.

A very kind missionary returning to Brazil had thousands of business cards printed with our website on them, www.ConhecendoDeus.com.br ("Knowing God"). We have wanted this exact thing for a long time, and God provided. Those already distributed have been well received! Pray for God's blessings.

Jeremy and I setup and designed a website for a fellow missionary whose publishing house is here in Brazil (www.EditoraMaranta.com.br). Included is a free monthly issue of the *Amigão do Pastor* (Big Friend of the Pastor), which has already seen over 70 people subscribe.

One of the greatest miracles this month was the salvation of our daughter Selina! Julie and I have prayed tears over her soul; she has wrestled with it for some time now. At 12:20am, Valentine's morning, she got the matter settled. Then she wanted to be baptized. This baptism happened Sunday night! Graciously, Pastor Bryan Johnson of the First Baptist Church of Parque Bristol allowed me to baptize her.

Finally, God has been blessing this church. We have made some good contacts as of late, and I ask you to please join with us in prayer over these souls. One young couple just moved into the area. Their names are Bruno and Adriele. I also had a great visit with a family, still unsaved, that showed great interest. Please pray for them: Etevaldo, Rosana and their six-year-old daughter Julia.

Grateful for the hand of God,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US"