

The KOKENZIE Family

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



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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's answers to prayer are sometimes so surprising! I will be pastoring the three-year-old *São Paulo Baptist Church* for the next six months, finishing just in time to go to the state of Rondônia. The planter of this church, Juan Vallejo, needed to take a furlough for his wife's health, and asked if we could oversee the flock and live in their home—rent free. Since God made it clear that this would give us an opportunity to save for our move plus some very practical ministry experience, we committed.

This will be quite a transition for us. We are the only English-speaking people in the church. Our Portuguese will be *stretched*, which is surely a good thing. On top of pastoral duties, I will teach English and Julie will teach piano. The people have graciously received us. Please pray for this ministry and also for the health of Bro. Vallejo's wife, Amy. Doctors here have not determined the cause of her ailment.

We were also privileged to participate in the VBS at *New Life Baptist Church* last month. They had a great group of people, both young and old. If you have the opportunity, please visit our website www.BraziltotheUttermost.com. There you can see ministry pictures not found in this letter.

The second issue of our e-magazine, *Herança Cristã*, is just about published. It only needs to be proofread. Please pray that this will continue to disseminate the truth in this very doctrinally confused country. Please also pray for our website www.ConhecendoDeus.com.br. As you know, this website is in multiple languages. Beyond helping numerous Brazilians these past two months, we have been able to help people in Pakistan, Egypt and Portugal. We also created a Facebook page promoting this website, which has already begun to extend its influence!

Finally, keep our family in prayer; we are coming out of a bit of sickness. Christian has had the worst of it. Praise the Lord for recovery! Oh, and I am sure Selina would want each of you to know that she lost her third tooth today! She loves to put her lack of teeth on display. The Brazilians call her *janelinha* ("little window").

Happily entering the next phase of God's will,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US"