

# 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 --

## WEBSITES

[www.ConhecendoDeus.com.br](http://www.ConhecendoDeus.com.br)  
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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:

In mid-August we assumed the responsibility of *São Paulo Baptist Church*. I would liken it to a strong current whose force you can't understand until stepping in. We are thankful that the Lord Jesus can walk on water. He has kept us from being swept away in all the new responsibility. Thank you for all the faithful support, in prayers, finances and correspondence. Knowing you have stepped in with us is such an encouragement.

Here's a brief glance at our new responsibilities. Missionary Juan Vallejo and his wife started this church about three years ago. We moved into their home and took over the work while they get some much needed rest back in the States. Mrs. Vallejo has had some health issues, plus she is expecting. They hope to return around February or March. I committed to three things: (1) Continuing our previous ministries, (2) maintaining Bro. Vallejo's ministry, and (3) extending his ministry where possible. We have been here for a bit over a month, and the Lord turned the impossible to the possible.

Thankfully, though with some delays, our online literature ministry continues. The second edition of our e-magazine, *Herança Cristã*, has just been published. We hope to have the third issue out by the end of the year, maybe in time for Christmas. (Visit [www.ConhecendoBiblia.com.br](http://www.ConhecendoBiblia.com.br) to see the latest issue.)

Our first *Gospel Day* was wonderful. Four area churches participated. We saw a great group of people participate in door to door evangelism and gospel distribution. (See photos on [www.BraziltotheUttermost.com](http://www.BraziltotheUttermost.com).) The next one is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. While I work to organize these events, I leave all decisions ultimately up to each host pastor. The fellowship has been great!

Julie hosts the ladies' evangelism on Wednesdays. She also had the privilege of taking three of the ladies in the church to a women's conference and then hosting a ladies' tea here in the church. The testimonies given during a recent church service made it clear that my wife's efforts have not been in vain!

In October, Julie starts teaching piano. We have seen a tremendous amount of interest out of the people in learning this instrument. Her work, we hope, will increase laborers in the music side of the church.

Please pray for our upcoming youth camp. We have three young people committed to go, and for each of them, this will be a very new experience! The dates are November 12-15.

Finally, please also pray for us as we labor in this church. There are no faithful men, so nearly all responsibility rests on my shoulders. I must say I am very indebted to my wife who has been a great help, and to my kids who have gone the extra mile. They have freed me to do normal pastoral ministry plus host a reading class, English class, choir rehearsal and Saturday evangelism. God has given grace, and we hope that these efforts will help the people understand our desire to help them and their church grow.

Thankful to be in Brazil,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US"