

# 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:

Looking back on this past month, we are encouraged by some God-given fruit in the ministry. This three-year-old church, which I have been pastoring for roughly two and a half months, has shown some very promising signs of spiritual growth. Several folks have committed to read the Bible daily. Others have joined the choir, and others are leaning that way. The teen camp comes up in just a couple weeks (something new for these folks) and there are three teenagers already committed to go. We are also preparing a special Thanksgiving celebration which, (though an import from the States), has been very well received by the people since the founding pastor introduced it. Work has already started as well for our Christmas Cantata, simply called *The Christmas Story*, which will include special readings from Scripture, a few Christmas carols, and the children dressing up for specific parts. Of course, your prayers are deeply appreciated and anticipated as we prepare for these things. We want Christ preeminent in everyone's life.

The great majority of the church consists of ladies, who are widows or whose husbands have no interest in the things of God. This keeps offerings very low. Nevertheless, we are having a very special offering to purchase a tile floor for the auditorium. This is a big step for these folks, and we ask that you please earnestly join with us in prayer for it. Not so much that we get a new floor here, but that these dear folks can see God work through prayer and a step of faith.

On this first of October we hosted the second Gospel Day, this time at *New Life Baptist Church*. God truly blessed. As happened last time, the entire focus is getting Independent Fundamental Baptist churches to work together in evangelistic efforts. We had three churches participate, with over 50 people giving out the gospel! Fourteen specific professions of faith were made in that one day, thousands of tracts were given out, and eighteen new people attended the special gospel service that evening!

Finally, I will be preaching at a church in one of Brazil's largest shanty towns (*favelas*) named *Paraisópolis* this Saturday. I need the Lord's direction. This is their anniversary/mission conference. The theme is *World Evangelism: Duty or Opportunity?* As a missionary, I not only want to see churches started in Brazil, I want to see these churches involving themselves in global outreach.

Continue to pray for the family. Everyone is healthy and busy. Julie hosts a monthly ladies' tea. She spoke on true discipleship this last time around. She is also teaching piano, and the students have really enjoyed it. Our children continue to help us on all sides of this ministry. It is such a joy to have our whole family involved in the work here.

Watching the Lord work,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

“BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US”