

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

## DEAR PRAYING PARTNERS:

Before coming to Brazil, the Lord had firmly proven to me that the very gospel which is the power of salvation is also the power which establishes, motivates and directs His church. When I assumed the pastorate here at this three-year-old church in São Paulo, and learned that the overwhelming majority still had great doubts about their salvation, I knew my only hope of helping them was to vigorously reinforce the gospel in their lives. This led me directly to the book of Romans, a book that revolutionized my own life. This Sunday I will be completing chapter 9. I have been so happy to see the truth of Christ open their eyes and hearts!

This month, I was able to baptize Suzanne, a thirteen-year-old girl who has shown a very clear grasp of the doctrine. She has also been instrumental in encouraging her parents and sister to attend the services. One of the ladies in the church, Anita, had started reading the Bible not too far back, but has now focused her daily reading on the book of Romans, because she wants to get a better grasp of it herself. Jéssyca, a seventeen-year-old, has repeatedly asked for prayer that she does not live a double life. Please pray for them and everyone in the church, that God would continue to open their consciences to Christ!

This last Saturday, our church hosted a youth meeting, with two other churches involved. God blessed on both sides of the meeting. On one end, we had four ladies from the church give their Saturday afternoon just to help us prepare the food, which was a tremendous help! On the other end, several of the young people came forward after the sermon expressing their commitment to live totally for Christ. Of course, one time at the altar is never a guarantee of continued zeal. Please pray for these young people!

I attended a men's retreat this past Saturday. God blessed with good preaching and fellowship. I also have begun preparing our church for a Gospel Day and an Evangelistic Conference in March. This is going to require a lot of effort and resources, and we ask you to please be in special prayer this.

Also, on February 29<sup>th</sup>, we have an extremely important meeting with the Federal Police. We will be presenting all of our paperwork to complete, what we understand, to be the final stage before our permanent visa cards can be processed. We covet the favor of God and beg for your prayers!

On the home front, everyone is healthy and doing well. Julie continues to teach piano and helps me with all the music of the church. Selina and Gabriel are doing very well in school. Elijah has proven to have a tremendous imagination. And, Christian is starting to talk now. I am not 100% sure, but I believe his first word was "amém" [amen] after I finish praying at meal time. Please keep praying for each of us!

Looking to Christ,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US"