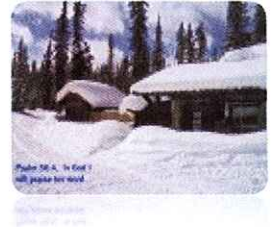


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Greetings to all our co-workers!

You may not enjoy the "shift" of seasons, but in the Amazon we only have "eternal summer". So for us, it is nice to sense the nostalgia that comes with each seasonal change. It's even more than that, however, it's sensing the wonders of God's creation and knowing that mankind is of special interest to God and that He has given us a special place to live and serve Him. God's plan included sending His Son to rescue and redeem fallen mankind, restore him to right fellowship, and put within him His glory!

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" II Cor. 9:15

Thank you for praying for us and for Rhonda's parents especially. They have both undergone recent surgeries that have kept Rhonda busy caring for their needs. Rhonda's mom continues to suffer from a serious infection that has kept her from the pain-relieving surgery she had hoped to have in November. Continue to lift them to God in your prayers daily.

Jim has been able to visit many of our supporting churches in the past three months and has driven some 7,000 miles. It has been a blessing to report on the Lord's doings in Brazil and to fellowship with you all. We thank you for the warm reception, your kind care and the special love gifts. We were able to spend Thanksgiving here in Florida, first with a great meal and special praise time at the Victory Baptist Church, and then with Rhonda's parents, and a couple of friends from their church. We look forward to a special time this Christmas with our daughters and grandchildren up in Tennessee.

A note of praise from Brazil: Both the Bela Vista Baptist Church and the Vitoria Baptist Church have called pastors. We ask that you pray for the financial needs of both and that these men and their families will adapt well to their new fields and flocks. Pray also that the "sheep" will adapt to their new pastors. We thank God for Pastors Rudge and Antonio and for the laymen who are helping during our absence.

We have a need for more support before we return to the field and funds for a replacement vehicle upon our return. We also have several projects that need to be funded in the days ahead. The Peniel Church needs a well and much work done on the buildings there and the Maranata Church needs a parsonage. Please pray that God will supply these needs, as well as laborers for His harvest. We have several veteran couples retiring soon—who will fill their shoes?

Thank you for giving and praying and working together with us faithfully these many years. God bless you all with a most remarkable Holy-day season and Christ-centered New Year!

Love in Him,

Jim and Rhonda