

OUR COMMON BURDEN

We share a common burden, "for his people". He is very concerned about how many in the Ticuna churches "*are really not even saved*". It is somewhat a "fad" thing that when a higher up (i.e. chief) "gets saved", the whole tribe "gets saved". They are tribes, communal, clannish in their practices, so it is hard to really know if they are getting saved or "joining the club" in all the emotion of the moment.

He, and many of the pastors in many of the villages, are concerned how other fads (dances brought in from outside, etc.) are becoming so very popular, yet real Bible education is the greater need. Cults are also moving in fast, and other denominations are "taking over" as we are so understaffed. This is the #1 reason for our aviation ministry.

Right now ABWE has one younger, newer family learning the Ticuna language in high hopes that this will greatly increase our impact with the Ticunas. In Kim's and my history, we have characteristically only reached the leaders with Bible training institutes in Portuguese. They hope that knowing Ticuna will help them be even more effective with all, especially on a more live-in atmosphere. We also have trained a few Ticuna men via IBAS that could be key people in training many in strong Biblical doctrines.

Do pray—worldly lures, materialism, and emotion are more and more separating the Ticuna nation from our God, and there is so very much more to be done with them in this quest for discipling the nations.

Thanks for your prayers! Our prayer list is attached.

Your servants, HIS bond slaves

Allan & Kimberly Vales

Prayer Requests

Schedule:

- Sept. 1-14: finish up IBAS semester! Final exams.
- Sept. 19-24: Biblical Counseling 3 track training, Fortaleza Ceará at SIBIMA Bible College. Possibly up to 200 students, many being pastors.
- Sept. 26-30: Biblical counseling training (track 1) and *actual counseling* with a new group 5 hours interior Ceará, possibly up to 16 pastors and other church members.
- Oct. 30-Nov. 4th way down south Brazil for the ABWE All Brazil conferences.

Continue to pray:

- *Bequert, and ALL our leaders.
- *Airplane transfer – paperwork is all in, final "sign offs" still not finished.
- *Protection for the airplane and our home during our absence! Critical to say the least.
- *Our church in SPO, on its feet, on its own, growing...
- *IBAS, about to finish a semester, and on our return enter the last semester for the graduating class of 6 students.
- *CESP club, bursting at the seams with kids (for Christ).
- *Our kids:
 - Pete and Faith out west in their business, actively serving in their church.
 - Mike and Renee, at about 80% and getting close to being on their way to Cape Verde.
 - Brandon and Regina, at about 20% and due for their FIRST child around December.
 - Jonathan, headed back to college at Northland for his sophomore year and doing great.

Thanks so much for your great love and faithfulness to us as your partners in church planting aviation on the Amazon - where discipleship is our passionate quest.

Aviation Church Planting and Discipleship on the Amazon

BECKERT BIBIANO

Beckert (pronounced "Be" as in bed, "ke" chee) came to our church as a young rascal... was in town to get an education (grade school & high school). As he grew he got more and more serious about God and serving Him. He joined IBAS Bible Institute many years ago and is a few short months from graduating.



On one of his vacations home to his village several years ago (he's a Ticuna Indian), he came back a changed man, that is, with a wife. It was a parental-arranged marriage. It was a surprise to all of us, he was in his early 20s, she was 15. They now have 3 children. He got himself a great job in town at the court house... and because of exemplary honesty (and being a very hard worker) is moving up the totem pole rapidly in training and job status. He is even going to Manaus next month for a special course related to his job. (We do hope this will not backfire and we lose him at church).

He is a very vibrant leader (up front) a talented Biblical expository preacher and is serving as youth pastor right now (on the job training) with some 40 youth, also doing discipleship with several believers.