

Dear Friends and loved ones.

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Ps 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Once again we have tasted the Lord's goodness. March and April were hard months for Rebecca and I and for all of the Hawkins family. Rebecca and I found ourselves not knowing what to do about her third case of dengue and the escalated symptoms of her third case of dengue. We have never seen dengue fever last twenty one days and her heart was showing threatening signs. During this time my father also fell ill and returned to Texas where his health took a change for the worse. We made the decision to return to get Rebecca treatment that is not available in Manaus and to help mom take care of dad in the hospital in fort Worth.

After spending nine days with my father in the hospital, he passed away on the eleventh of March leaving a great void in our lives and in the work in Brazil. We rejoice in the fact that he passed with only the regret that he did not do everything he wanted to in Brazil. We had some very special times during those days. Thank you all for your kind words and prayers for us during this time.

Rebecca has spent most of her days resting in bed and doing as little as possible for the last two months. She began seeing the cardiologist and doing tests in early March and the doctor discovered Mitral regurgitation and fluid around her heart. This is why this virus is also called "tired heart disease". The only treatment is Tylenol and rest. The doctor has said that her symptoms are not life threatening and will not hinder us from returning to the field.

I will be returning to Manaus on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May to be at the Bible institute graduation ceremonies, encourage the brethren at the Campos Sales Church and bug proof our house a little better before we both return on the tenth of July.

We want to thank all of you for your patience with us, your constant prayers and your continued financial support. We appreciate your continued prayers for Rebecca as she continues to recuperate and get back into her activities. We thank the Lord for each and everyone. May the Lord bless you.

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