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Dear Brethren in the Lord,

Even though the country to which God has called us does not celebrate the American Thanksgiving Day, we still had the privilege of celebrating this wonderful holiday with some of our family and friends here in Northern Brazil. The feast was great, and it was wonderful to sit around the table and recount many of the blessings God has poured upon us during this last year. Counting (and telling) our blessings always reminds us of how good our Father really is, even when we consider ourselves to be going through difficult times. The fact is, God takes difficult times and turns them to our good, if we will only learn to look for His hand in our daily lives.

Amidst the difficult months since our last prayer letter, six people have trusted Christ as Savior in the Independent Baptist Church of Cidade Nova (New City). Praise God! In November, we started a six-month soul-winning campaign, "Fishers of Men," and during that month, we had close to 20 first-time visitors, although none made a profession of faith, as of yet. We continue to pray that they will return, and that many will be saved.

We thank you for praying for this ministry, and ask that you continue to pray that God will raise up a pastor for this church, a man after His own heart, who will have a real burden for the lost, and a real shepherd's heart for these young believers.

I would like to ask that you pray about something else too. Crime (especially armed robbery) is becoming so common-place that almost every person in our ministry has been robbed at gun-point or by knife, in recent months. This is not limited to any specific place or time of day. Our people, many of whom depend on bicycles or buses for daily transportation, face danger almost every single day. That makes them nervous about going out, even to church. We ask that you pray for our safety and the safety of the people we minister to on a daily basis.

As far as the family is concerned, the girls are

excited about finishing up this semester of school, and look forward to the Christmas holiday season. Our Bible Institute classes are over for the semester, so I have a little more time to spend with the family. Wrapping up ministry events for the year still keeps us busy, but it's good to be home at nights, instead of going into the city for classes.

We look forward to spending Christmas with our family, including my wife's and my own family. I wish my brother John and family could be here with us, but they are busy on furlough, specially making up for the time John has spent getting his health taken care of. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers from a few medical procedures he has had to go through. I know he would appreciate it.

Of course, we thank you for your daily prayers for us, and I want you to know that you are also on our hearts, and we pray for you regularly.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of the Greatest Gift that God ever sent us, His only-begotten Son. While a increasingly materialistic world may try to paganize Christmas, and "x-out" Christ, may we remember and be thankful for God's Unspeakable Gift. May God grant you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,

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