

[Email Update 2/5/2010]

Subject: Praises

Hello from wet, landslidey Brazil. Would you accept a muddy hug? :-)  
A few praises to share with you...

1. The Igreja da Paz hasn't given up on it's mission to plant a church in Monte Dourado. (Not that we tout the Igreja da Paz banner, but the individuals involved have a genuine love for the community and a desire to bring people to Christ.) The alternative base in Macapá (7 hours away by bus) has picked up the vision. A team of 6 were at our house last month for breakfast. We are encouraged that they seem to have a realistic, as well as profetic, notion of what church planting takes in our unique community. With the Lord's guidance they will avoid the pitfalls of the past. For now we are meeting in the home of one of the church families. I will be ministering the Word on Sunday. The base is in the process of negotiating the renovation of a rental building, but we are not in a hurry to move to the building. Things are great at the house for now!
2. Thanks to a missionary friend in Thailand, we will soon have a digital camera again. We are blessed at the Lord's kindness in meeting simple, yet important, needs such as this one. Thank you, Deborah, for being sensitive!
3. Railson's constant "volunteer" work in communications is beginning to have financial implications. The several ISPs he has assisted over the past two years have written him excellent certificates of recomendation, which have been instrumental in gaining credibility in the field. He is now negotiating two projects for the implantation of Internet service, one here in Monte Dourado, the other in Porto de Moz. This testifies to the fact that God doesn't let ANY act of faith & kindness go without results. Railson has constantly worked himself into the dough (the technical community) through faith. We want to see communications implanted by the Kingdom around here! (See Matt. 13:33, Luke 19:12-13)
4. One of the legal battles we were facing has been won. A client who owed us around US\$4500 was sentenced to pay by judicial order. The case was seen by the judge and quickly resoved (thank you, Jesus, for making it swift!), although guy tried every way to get out of it. The down side is that the payment will be received in 18 installments and we will have to pay the lawyer still, but at least the judge benefitted us with a hefty margin for interest.

Thank you for standing with us and giving of yourself through attention, prayers, kindness and finances to Kingdom work in Brazil. We want to reach more and more Brazilians for Christ.

Blessings,  
Heidi & troop

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