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1 Corinthians 9:19  
 ... yet have I made myself a servant  
 unto all, that I might gain the more.

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Dear Praying Friends,

**Prospects for the New Year and Our Return to Brazil**

We have purchased our return passage to Brazil and will be arriving in Brazil on March 14. Looking back over our year here in the US, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and praise for what the Lord has done for and through us. For the first time in many years, we were able to be together with our entire family. The Lord gave us good meetings with special blessings. All these blessings are encouraging us in our plans to return to Brazil. We are seeking the Lord's leadership concerning the exact ministry that He has for us knowing that God's presence and direction is a sure now as it has been during our past ministry. We know that Brazil still needs the Gospel and faithful churches to preach it. Therefore, we will continue to carry out the ministry God gave us trusting Him to give us strength and direction.

**New Government in Brazil**

As we mentioned in our last letter, Brazil now has a conservative president who has appointed several known conservative military leaders to his cabinet. Already, there have been declarations and appointments to positions made by the president that indicate conservative and even biblical changes in the areas of family, religion and education. The new president's wife is the member of a Baptist church and is very active. These changes have been an encouragement to the Christian families and to the churches in Brazil. However, these changes have not been acceptable to the criminals who have rioted and burned buses and buildings in some of the cities in the northeastern states of Brazil. Your prayers for the country and for the Christians of Brazil are important right now.

**Final Days of Deputation**

During the next few weeks, we will continue to visit churches. We have a few open dates and we are trying to schedule meetings. Please be praying that the Lord will open opportunities in some new churches and use us in every meeting in which we participate. Our desire is to encourage God's people by showing them that the Lord is still saving souls and building churches.

Although our return means that we must once again say goodbye to family and friends, we look forward to being where the Lord wants us. Serving Him always brings expectations of those special things that He is going to accomplish as we obey Him.

**Your servants in Jesus Christ,**

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