

January 15, 2012

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”** Romans 1:16. In this verse, Paul is eager to share how he is not ashamed of the gospel. He knows that the gospel is the power of God for salvation to those who believe that Jesus died for their sins. As we start this new year, may we as Christians share the gospel of Christ with those we meet.

Praise: Dawn’s father is getting stronger with each passing day! He is still in the Nursing Home but he is now walking to and from the dining room with the help of a walker. It has been nothing less than a miracle to see dad’s progress. Recently, he was been taken off comfort care and now he is working hard at regaining his strength so he can return home. **Thanks for praying for dad and his health. Please continue to pray for him as he makes important decisions about his health and future.**

Disclosure statement: For security purposes/reasons, some names of cities and our people group will be in the form of an acronym or be abbreviated with quotation marks.

Praise: We have been busy since our arrival back to Brazil from our trip to the States. On January 6th, we had some training that taught us some different ways to learn a third language. This will be important as we engage our people group because they will speak a tribal language. We will need to learn their tribal language in order to share the gospel with them. This past week, we made several trips to Manaus. We are waiting for our permanent visas. As a foreigner, we are required to stop at the Federal Police once every three months until we get our permanent visas. We also went to the Coast Guard to pick up our papers for the small boat and get our physicals and eye exams so we can take our tests to get our pilot licenses. **Please pray for us as we travel back to Manaus and take our tests on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.**

For your information: On Saturday, we took a trip to the next place where we will be moving the floating house. It will not be in the city of “ATDL” like we originally thought. Due to many different factors, we have decided to move closer to a smaller city. This city has a population of 4,000 people and its location is strategically better for us to engage the “M people.” While we were on the trip, we made some important contacts and we received some great information! It looks like we will be ready to move at the end of January. The rivers will be high enough by this time to move the house without complications. We will make one or two more trips back out to our next ministry location to secure a place to park the house and to secure electricity. **Please pray for God to open up the right place for us to park the floating house. Pray for this place to be strategically located so we can make friends with the “M people.”**

Please continue to pray for Pastor Brelaz and the homeless in Manaus. Work with the homeless will continue every Wednesday night in the streets of Manaus. Pray that God would continue to use Pastor Brelaz as he ministers to those living on the street. Also, he has many different projects that he feels God is leading him to do in 2012. Check out the photos and history of the homeless ministry and treatment center at www.casareviveramazonas.com (just click on the left hand side of the webpage). A full-time pastor and his family just moved out to the treatment center during the first week of January. Now this year, homeless men will be taken off the streets of Manaus and they will be given a new hope. **Pray that many lives will be transformed as they learn a new trade and they hear the gospel of Christ.**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: We would like to thank everyone who gave sacrificially this year to the Lottie Moon Offering. We were blessed when we were in the States last month to have been in many different churches that were taking part in it! It is through you're giving that you partner with us to be on mission with God in Brazil. We are so grateful that we don't have to raise our own support to be on the mission field where God has called us to be!

Prayer requests:

- 1.) As we enter 2012, we are putting together some teams from the states to help us. So far, it looks like we have two teams coming for sure and two teams that are praying about the possibility of coming. Please pray that God would work in the hearts of the people that He would want to minister with us. Some of these teams will help us open doors to villages where the "M people" live.
- 2.) Please pray that we would be bold witnesses for Christ in the city of "CDV" and to all the Brazilians here.
- 3.) Please pray for our company leadership and their families.
- 4.) Please praise the Lord with us. Annie and Jay will celebrate their third wedding anniversary on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. God has truly blessed them in their marriage together!
- 5.) Please pray for Kandi as she starts back to college on January 23, 2012. This will be her last year of college. She will graduate in December of this year. We are proud of her and her accomplishments!
- 6.) Please pray for our parents and other family members.
- 7.) Please pray that we would be obedient to do God's will and not our own. We are anxious to be about the ministry God has called us to on the river.
- 8.) Please be praying for our people group (the "M people") that we will be working with along the river. Pray that we would make good connections with them.
- 9.) Please pray for our next move of the floating house. Pray that this trip would be without complications. This trip is expected to take two to three days.

God has truly blessed us to have you all as part of our team!! We want to thank you for all your prayers and encouraging emails. We love you all. May God richly bless you in 2012!!

**If you send us an email message, please put a title in the subject line otherwise we will not open it. We do not open any email that we are unsure of because it might contain a virus.
Thanks!

For the glory and honor of Jesus Christ,

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