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Life Verse:
John 3:30, "He must
increase, but I must
decrease."

**URGENT PRAYER
REQUESTS:**

**God-called men to
pastor new works.**

**A Family for the
Mission in Bezerros**

Faithful Prayer Warriors:

I would like to start this letter with the same paragraph from the last letter where we reported that I "turned the pastorate of the church in Caruaru over to my associate pastor. As I suspected, there have been some good changes that prove his leadership ability, knowledge of the church members, and his preaching and teaching abilities. The people are accepting him in a marvelous way, and I can feel success, even though it took longer than planned. Thank you for your prayers but continue to pray for Josiel and his wife Janaína."

We praise the Lord that all reports from Caruaru are positive in relation to Josiel and Janaína. A couple of people are showing that they were followers of man (me), but we are trusting that they will have a change of heart.

Josiel has talked with me concerning a man for the mission in Bezerros, and it is looking positive. One of our students in the Bible Institute is seriously considering moving to the city and pastoring the mission. I have known him since he was a young teenager. His father is also a pastor. Please be in prayer that God's perfect will be done. For the present, we are driving two hours to Bezerros every week to help. They need a family living there, not just going to preach or make some visits.

In March we reported that we are helping Pr. Edilson and his church open a new mission about two miles from where we are living. We held the first service tonight. We had about 30 people present, which includes some of the people from the church. A family in his church is offering a small building where he has a family business. They want us to use the space at night, Saturdays and Sundays to begin Bible Studies and church services.

The men's retreat is improving every year. We had four men trust Christ as a direct result of the retreat. We had about 72 men this year, and the men are pushing for 100 men next year. This work is being led by Teixeira, a man **you** helped to win to the Lord.

I have mentioned the need of replacing the work vehicle we have. The trips to the interior take a heavy toll. On the trip in March, the T-belt tensioner broke destroying valves, gears and other parts. I watched as the mechanic dismantled the engine. It was a horror story. We have had a small portion come in, but we need at least \$10,000 to trade. If you can help, please do so. Designate any offering for this need for Vehicle-Recife.

We are in a national shutdown. The truckers from all over Brazil have shut down major highways, causing a lack of fuel, food, medicinal supplies, virtually everything. An agreement over the exorbitant taxes and high prices of fuel has been met between the government and the truckers, but many of them are not satisfied and are still causing traffic jams. There are 3-7 hour waiting lines at service stations to buy fuel. Supermarkets are limiting the number of items that can be sold. A tank of cooking fuel normally cost 70 Reais; it is now being sold in some place for 180 Reais. Almost instantly the price of potatoes went from 2 to 8 Reais at the farmer's markets, making the customer price jump even higher. This price gouging is against the law, but... This took place in the first three days of the strike. Imagine the Tribulation after 3 years!!!

Once again, thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

May God bless each one of you,

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PS: The strike is over...prices are returning to normal. jcn