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To:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Hódes and I begin this letter with a simple, "Thank you for your faithfulness". Many of you have told us that you pray daily for us and the ministry. Your prayers are necessary. We have a tremendously faithful group of supporting churches, and we thank you. Our supporting pastors are great. And, in return, we are doing our best to represent you in Brazil.

In our last letter we spoke of the necessity of a building in Dom Helder. We walked every street in the area searching for a place to start holding services and found nothing. Pr. Edilson and I were talking with a member of his church about the difficulty and he said, "Pastor, I have a small house in an area close to Dom Helder. It is on the main avenue in **Jardim Piedade**; if you want to use it to start a work you don't even have to pay rent". We looked at the house and the area and decided to ask the church for a decision. After prayer, the church decided to accept the offer. We had to make some modifications in the building and paint it. We started making visits in the area. We soon found out the people in the area are super "religious", but most are depending upon their works and faithfulness to make it to heaven. We held our opening service with over 30 present in attendance. At the present time we are holding services on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. Although the people are friendly, most simply say, "I'm a Christian", and quickly finish the conversation. But this past Saturday we began to make an inroad with several people. We will begin 6 Bible studies as a result of those visits. We ask that you be in prayer for the **salvation of Antônio** and his wife, **Diane**. Especially pray for a man to pastor the work.

In September we celebrated seven years of Bible Institutes in the interior of Bahia and Piaui. For seven years we have traveled on dangerous roads that have animals that run "open range". We have had many close encounters with cows, horses, donkeys, sheep and goats, but God has protected us. We travel on roads that are treacherous for assaults, and to this day, we have not felt endangered. We will leave here Wednesday night to hold their graduation services. We will have one more graduation next year, and following that, the future of the Bible Institutes in that area will be in their hands. Next year we will also hold our first graduation for the Bible Institute in Pernambuco/Paraiba. Several of the men are already in the ministry.

Every September I am invited to participate in a Bible Conference in Salvador. This year I spoke on three subjects: "The Blood of Christ", "Who Are the Giants in Genesis 6", and "Is the Death Penalty Biblical". We have people from many areas of Brazil attending the conference.

Josiel is doing a good job with the church in Caruaru. It is good to hear the people say they are pleased with him and his family. This past weekend we traveled to Caruaru for the funeral of Gloria, a lady that I led to the Lord about two years ago.

Our greatest prayer request is for men for the ministry. We could start more churches, but we can only do so much. We have church services or Bible Studies every night but Monday, and at the present time that night is used for choir practice. We must have men smf families for the ministry. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

May God bless each one of you,

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URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

God-called men to pastor new works.

New Work: Jardim Piedade

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