

Wednesday, August 07, 2019

AUGUST 2019 PRAISE AND PRAYER

Dear Grace,

Greetings from Brazil, did you notice how I spelled Brazil? That's how Brazilians spell it so thought I should too. (at least for this letter) I don't think I ever said this in a letter, but you may have suspected it, I love Brazil, I love Brazilians, I love Brazilian food and I am very happy with the ministry the Lord has given me in Brazil. It has not been a hardship to be a missionary here over 50 years. It has been a wonderful privilege.

I do need your prayers as I lead Comev and preach and teach in English every Sunday at Fellowship Community Church. Attendance at church is a little less than 100 on average it can double for special occasions. I also have the responsibility to prepare and deliver the Bible teaching on the English radio ministry that is part of COMEV's ministry. This past month there was almost a 1000 people in 81 different countries that listened to the English Channel, even more tuned in to the Portuguese channels. So prayer is important as I prepare and preach.

Speaking of prayer there are three ladies that are very special to me that need prayer. 1) Janet cannot talk or eat or smile, she can move her hand a little when I am holding it. I know the Lord has a place prepared for her, I don't know when he will come for her. I just need to be patient and loving and wait for the Lord's perfect timing. 2) My daughter Joy is having 12 monthly treatments for cancer. She has had two, 10 to go. Pray that this will kill the cancer and that it will not come back. 3) My daughter in law, Joel's wife Cindy had a tumor removed from her head three years ago and has not been well since, she has swelling in the brain and suffers seizures. The medicines to deal with this is very strong and has her quite limited. Pray the doctors can find medicines that will deal with the problems without such strong side effects. Pray with us for the Lord to do something wonderful for her.

For your encouragement I will mention some of the ministry of this past July. Our computers show that we ministered to 15,213 persons during the month. The ministry of radio I already mentioned has both English and Portuguese. Between the two we had listeners in 102 countries with 3750 persons listening. Every month the number increases as people learn about our radio ministry. We are working on changing the name from Acts4:20 to TEOmidia. We believe this will help as all of our other ministries except the radio has the TEOmidia name.

Last month here in Sao Paulo there was a conference for Christian school leaders and teachers. There was 900 present. COMEV was there to record every session so that many others will have access to the messages and challenges that was shared. Besides the recordings we put it live on the internet so that any one any where in Brazil could see and hear the messages. Some of the teaching was really, really good. We are thankful that every month there is growth in the various ministries, a weekly blog, Facebook, twitter, and Instagram are used daily to get the Word out.

We are trusting the Lord that all the remaining details will be worked out for the sale of our building. The deadline is September 24. I am asking that you pray with us about this. Also pray as we are very close to beginning a larger outreach using You Tube. We are experiencing a shortfall financially each month as our ministry grows. With more funds, we could hire some very much needed help, I am thankful for those who give if you haven't sent a gift recently, pray and ask the Lord what you should do.

I am thankful for your friendship and prayers, I thank the Lord for those who stand with us financially.

Yours for the gospel in Brazil and wherever Portuguese is spoken

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PS. If the Lord were to lead you to help. Check to: BEA Ministries
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