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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,

**Wishing You a Wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year**

This is a glorious time of the year as the entire Christian world stops to remember the coming of our Savior and our King. Even though secularism has invaded the festivities, the truth remains that Christmas exists because of Jesus Christ. The miraculous act of the unity of the divine and the humanity of the Person of Jesus Christ in His birth leaves the mind lost in amazement and the heart humbled in joyous rapture. It is marvelous that that new born baby lying in the humble manger was the eternal Son of God who created all things. But even more wonderful is the reason for His coming was to provide reconciliation and salvation to we sinners because of God's love and mercy. We pray that this truth is a reality in your life, and because of it, you have a truly blessed Christmas!

**Work in Brazil**

Our return to Brazil is scheduled for some time in the middle of March. We have not purchased our passage hoping to find some lower prices. With the elections in Brazil having finished with the victory of the more conservative candidate, there is a certain expectation for improvement in areas that are vital to the Lord's work. Movements that were in opposition to biblical principles and in favor of exaggerated socialism have been weakened, though not destroyed. We ask you to pray that the Christians in Brazil will truly realize God's intervention and step up to the opportunity. Pray that they will be and preach the truth in submission to the will of God in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are still seeking God's direction concerning the part we will be playing in this new situation. As we have been telling the churches, we will not be returning to Cornélio Procópio because the church already has a capable Brazilian pastor.

**Personal News**

Your prayers for us during these months that we have been here in the USA have been heard. All the goals we had set are slowly being reached. All the medical issues have been addressed with positive results, and we will return to Brazil "as good as new" and ready to assume the responsibilities that God has for us. We praise the Lord for safety and strength as we have traveled from place to place. God has given us a wonderful year with our family, and the special blessing of the entire family being able to be together for Christmas.

We will continue visiting churches through the month of February reporting and presenting the work. To those churches that have allowed us to present our work for the first time, we are so grateful. To those churches that have stood with us during the years of our ministry, only eternity will reveal the results in which you have a part. Thank you for standing with us in this most important and wonderous work for the Lord.

**Your servants in Jesus Christ,**

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