Dear Praying Friends,

We trust all of you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a wonderful New Year! We serve a good God and are blessed by Him!

Living in the heat of Brazil makes it hard to get into "The Christmas Spirit," but on Christmas day we had a special treat for our family. Two of the bedrooms in our house have air conditioners that we usually use only at night, but on Christmas day, we closed up all the

windows and doors of our house and turned on the A/C to cool down our entire house! The living room got down to  $82^{\circ}$  and felt so very nice! At the end of the day, it was hard to leave the air-conditioned house to go outside in the heat again (which is why we don't use the A/C more).

During the Christmas time we enjoyed a Christmas party with our teen group as well as a special Sunday School series on the birth of our Savior. We also made and delivered over sixty packets of candy

including a tract and church invitation to kids we know who live near us (many of whom already come to our services).

Our family continues to do well and we praise the Lord for the generally good health He has given us! The children are growing and doing well in their school studies (though they were very happy to take a Christmas break). Recently they participated in a Karate championship and Mahalia got 1st in her division for the memorized

sequence of moves, and Johnathan, who was in a much tougher division, got  $4^{th}$  place. We are thankful for the many friends they have here.

We are excited for what the Lord has for us in this new year. Although our church group is small, it is essential that each one of them come to know God more fully and truly. We realize this can only take place by the power of the Holy Spirit as they know and understand God's Word. I have been increasingly burdened by the awesome responsibility of accurately teaching the God's Word; it is essential that they be able to see that truth for themselves in their own Bibles. Please pray for us in this new year as we strive toward this goal of knowing God through His Word, both personally and as a church family.

We thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and financial support this year. May God richly bless each of you in this new year!