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Steve redesigns curriculum, Nilza volunteers at SATS, Isaac completes 2nd, starts 3rd grade

Steve was busy redesigning curriculum at SATS (South American Theological Seminary) from November of 2009-March 2010. Because the school is going through an accreditation process with their education by distance program and instituted changes in the way professors teach their discipline's content, he has been able to redesign most of the classes he's been teaching to reflect more Biblical wholism (meeting physical, spiritual, social and wisdom needs) and wholistic outreach/mission (reaching a whole person's whole needs with the whole gospel of Christ across significant cultural and language barriers). This resulted in students in an Old Testament Theology class to present a sermon, Bible study or Sunday School program curriculum describing God's covenant with His chosen people and its application to the student's family, church and community. It resulted in Christian counseling students observing and reporting on pastoral counseling and de-

scribing how their counseling could better meet the felt counseling needs of people in their families, churches and communities. This year Steve has redesigned classes in Christian leadership, preaching, Introduction to the New Testament and Introduction to theology, influencing the 180 students given him to reflect more biblical wholism, practice and outreach/discipleship in their families, churches and communities.

Steve continues teaching an inductive English Bible study at IEH Londrina and trains leaders at IE Hosana Londrina in biblical wholism and worldview.

Nilza was busy caring for Steve and Isaac, taking a computer class and assisting students and staff at SATS and some neighbors. She began volunteering at the SATS library in February 2010 and enjoys serving and helping.

Steve, Nilza and Isaac with some of the "designer" plants Nilza makes to give



to provide natural beauty to an office or a person's life. Londrina March 2010

Isaac completed the second grade at his school, PGD ("to the glory of God") and gained his blue belt in judo. He started 3rd grade in February, sings in the PGD choir, practices judo and participates in a worship arts team "Louvarte" ("worship art") at IEH Londrina. There, he helps Steve teach children English and was recently asked to help his Sunday School classmates learn English.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." (Mt 28:5-6a)

What we do in our free time

We have a very busy schedule during the week, so we try to make the most of our free time as a family. We enjoy going to G-rated movies together at a nearby shopping mall or watching a good family-oriented DVD on our TV. We've enjoyed watching family-oriented shows on TV like "Supper Nanny" and "the story of Esther" in Portuguese on TV. We enjoyed taking Isaac to his judo tournament and watching him compete in his

matches. We enjoy playing board games like chess, "Monopoly" in English or "Risk" and "the game of Life" in Portuguese. We enjoy going out and eating Mexican, Japanese or Lebanese/Mediterranean food at nearby restaurants. We like going to a nearby club for families to swim, fish, play ping-pong and relax. We also visit Nilza's family on their farm in Presidente Prudente and enjoy the fresh air and nature.



Isaac at his first judo tournament. Londrina November 2009

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Thanksgiving and Prayer requests

- Thank you God for wisdom, grace and health to serve and teach students and staff at SATS, serve our neighbors and leaders in their churches;
- Thank you God for your work through your churches at IE Hosana Casaverde and Londrina;
- Thank you God for faithful provision of resources to help us live and serve;
- Please ask God to sustain our physical, spiritual and social health;
- Please ask God for wisdom and love to redesign, teach and serve students, staff at SATS, neighbors and church leaders;
- Please ask God to provide sufficient resources to manifest our Harvest 2010 project plan and end 2010 with a positive balance at FH (Food for the Hungry).

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Suki-yaki dinner-Hosana Londrina-
December 2009



At our last conference-Heber, AZ-
October 2008 Happy Easter!

Hosana Casaverde meets physical/social needs, mentors leaders

Leaders at Hosana Casaverde used creativity, ingenuity and hard work to meet physical and social needs and mentor leaders inside and outside the church. They demonstrated God’s love and concern for the needs of people.

Kazuko-san, a creative leader continued collecting used cooking oil from her neighborhood and through discovering a sympathetic local butcher, collected chicken carcasses and chicken breast donations. She made soap with the oil which was sold by mobilized church members, then used proceeds to pay medical insurance for Diego, son of Katia, a leader at Recanto Verde. This sacrificial love and service resulted in Diego

undergoing his first orthopedic surgery in February and resultant therapy which hopefully will result in enabling him to finally walk normally.

With the latter resources, which she froze in her freezer, Kazuko was able to provide the makings for chicken soup and chicken breast filets for needy families in Recanto Verde during Christmas.

Three Bolivian couples and Casaverde members were reaching out, befriending and incorporating Bolivian immigrant families into their midst. Church members sacrificially gave to rent a nearby field to play football every Sunday, inviting neighbors and friends. Through this social outreach, two

new immigrant families began attending worship services and getting involved in Bible studies.

Pr. Kaoru continued mentoring leaders among the Brazilian, Bolivian and Japanese Brazilian groups in the church. He trained the Japanese Brazilian core leadership team and released them to serve and mentor others in Recanto Verde. He continued discipling Bolivian leaders with home Bible studies and giving them opportunities to serve in the body at Casaverde, whether preaching a message or helping to clean the church. He also began informally mentoring two potential leaders from Campinas and the western zone of São Paulo by phone.

Hosana Londrina reaches out, teaches and celebrates

Hosana Londrina leaders reached out to their neighbors, taught God’s truth, then celebrated with them with special dinners and social activities.

They invited neighborhood children to attend their Sunday School, providing a special tea time on a Sunday with donated teas, sweet cakes and salty snacks before their Sunday School program, inviting their children’s parents to attend their classes and later to join the church at a weekend retreat at a nearby rented

property with lodging and accommodations for physical and social activities. Two families attended the retreat and heard God’s truth taught. Sunday school leaders/teachers weekly met with their students and prayed with them. Leaders visited children’s families during the week and met personal and family needs with God’s word and prayer.

In December 2009 and March 2010 they celebrated their community activities by inviting church members, Sunday school students

and their families from their neighborhood to two special dinners, where all enjoyed good food, friendly conversations, games with prizes and a short devotional from God’s word.

Looking forward to meeting you on our U.S. trip in April-May

We will be attending our Harvest Foundation worldwide conference in Arizona and visiting supporting churches and family in CA and HI from April 14-May 12. We are looking forward to renewing our relationships with our Harvest colleagues at our conference in Heber from 04/16-23. We will then visit our home church, EBCLA and be “reintroduced” to our beloved body there on 04/25. We will travel and visit HI, Steve’s family and our supporting church PCCC from 04/27-05/06. We then fly

back to CA and go to visit our two supporting churches in No. Cal from 05/07-05/09.

We’ll return to LA and spend our final days with friends and members of our home church and support team and return to Brazil on 05/12.

We hope that we can meet you during our visits to these churches in CA and HI. We are very grateful to God and each of you for your love, prayers, care and sacrificial financial collaboration in our work

here in Brazil, serving the needs of students, staff, neighbors, church leaders and preparing the next generation of leaders and cross-cultural workers for the body of Christ in Brazil and for God’s Kingdom work in the Portuguese-speaking world. God bless you all with all sufficiency from God’s infinite riches in Christ Jesus and have a joyful Easter! Love,

Steve, Nilza and Isaac





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