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Steve Starts and Completes 1st Semester at SATS, Nilza Helps Neighbors and Students, Isaac Starts 2nd Year at PGD

Over the past 7 months, God has faithfully sustained each of us through many activities. Steve started and completed the 1st semester of his 2nd year at SATS (South American Theological Seminary) in Londrina. He taught 140 students in one class on campus (Hermeneutics) and through two distance learning classes (Introduction to the New Testament, and Theology and Practice of Christian Leadership). He continued pastoring the male students as chaplain, mentored 4th year students, trained leadership at IE Hosana Londrina and taught inductive Bible studies in Portuguese and English at IE Holiness Londrina.

Nilza served our neighbors, providing rides to get food,

clothing and water. She helped students at SATS, giving rides to get food and water and gave them food, water and transportation to appointments. We also helped our neighbors, sharing food, getting acquainted with returning families from Japan and spiritually and physically helping two of our neighbors who recently became widows.

Isaac started his 2nd year at his school PGD ("To the Glory of God") and just successfully completed his 1st semester. He continues taking judo, began singing in the choir and enjoys serving at our Children's English class helping Steve set up and assists in teaching the children.

We developed a 2009 Harvest Project Plan to teach



Steve with 1st year students in Hermeneutics (Biblical interpretation)-June 2009

Biblical wholism, service and worldview to church leadership in Hawaii, Japan and Brazil. God provided through a generous donor at Harvest for Steve's projected expenses, but not for Nilza who assists Steve in training by driving Steve to training sessions, small group leadership and service.

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• Thanksgiving and Prayer

- Thank you God for the wisdom and grace to serve our neighbors and students at SATS;
- Thank you God for providing doctors and therapists to help maintain our health;
- Thank you God for providing for our planned 2009 Harvest projects for Steve;
- Please ask God for wisdom and grace to meet the needs of our neighbors, teach/mentor students and influence local church leaders for the Kingdom of God;
- Please ask God for sufficient resources to manifest our 2009 Harvest Project Plan and end 2009 with a positive balance at FH (Food for the Hungry).

Sussumi Murayama-05/12/23-05/12/09

On 05/12/09, we lost Sussumi Murayama, Nilza's father, in an accident on his farm. He was a simple man, with a simple faith in Christ. He had accepted Christ in 2001 during a visit of our Harvest colleague, John Wood to their farm. Sussumi used to get up daily at 5:00 AM, listen to God's Word being taught or proclaimed

on a broadcast program of the evangelical Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, then would go to work for 12 hours on his farm. We lost a faithful, loving hard-working father, but God's Kingdom gained Sussumi.

We sorely miss him, but are comforted he is now with God in heaven.



IE Hosana Casaverde Continues Wholistic Outreach and Discipleship at Two Locations



Pr. Kaoru (blue shirt & glasses) with members of the Portuguese Bible Study (Carlos [white shirt-Peruvian], Akio, Tamie and Cristina [Japanese Brazilians]) IE Hosana Casaverde May 2009

Leaders at IE Hosana Casaverde and the group they established in Recanto Verde (Caucaia do Alto) continued to meet spiritual, physical, social and wisdom needs of their neighbors.

In Recanto Verde, they continued gathering neighborhood children; teaching them truth from God's word. They modeled for them how to live out these truths.

In Casaverde, São Paulo, they gathered teen-

age and young adult Bolivian and Peruvian immigrants through weekend soccer games at a nearby field rented with their sacrificial donations. These leaders gave of their time and gifts to teach God's truth to adult learners in studies of God's word in both Portuguese and Spanish. A Bolivian couple accepted Christ through this study.

They also continued to gather children-at-risk in their neighborhood. They

provided a safe place to learn a vocation, in silk-screening, artisan basket making and be fed physically, mentally and spiritually through tutoring, devotions in God's word and meals.

Members at Casaverde donated funds to offer food baskets and transportation to Recanto Verde group members and gave clothing and sold soap made from used oil given by community members to provide resources to help Recanto Verde group members sustain themselves and meet specific physical needs.

board lessons after their Sunday worship services. These leaders also went out together on a weekend, offering pamphlets with God's Word of love and truth to their neighbors, offering prayer and trying to build relationships with families.

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IE Hosana Londrina Learns Biblical Wholism and Practices

Leaders at IE Hosana Londrina learned Biblical wholism and practiced it in in their families, church and neighborhood. These leaders met social, spiritual and physical needs of their young adult members through their monthly meetings where these people gathered for a shared meal planned and prepared together and an informal worship service at one of their

homes. They began to accompany the young members of their Sunday School classes by beginning a program with every adult teacher mentoring each child in their class. They committed themselves to meet, talk and pray for the child's needs weekly. They also offered neighborhood children tutoring sessions during the week and key-

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for us to meet our neighbors' needs and develop the next generation's Portuguese-speaking evangelical leaders for His church and world. We also trust in His power through your prayers and sacrificial contributions to sustain and use us for His Kingdom and glory. God bless you all. Love,

Steve, Nilza & Isaac

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Iguaçu Falls June 2009

Thank you for your love, prayers, care and support!

We thank God for your faithful love, dedication and sacrifice through your prayers for us, care and contributions enabling our service here among the Portuguese speaking evangelicals in Brazil and our world. We recently went to Iguaçu Falls, one of the world's seven wonders, invited by IE Hosana Londrina. We marveled at God's beautiful creation and His power in creating and maintaining these waterfalls. We continue to trust in God to create opportunities