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U.S. trip, Steve serves at SATS, Nilza serves at SATS and community, Isaac grows in knowledge and wisdom

We all had a fulfilling and interesting period from April-July. During our trip to the U.S. from 04/14-05/12, we participated in our Harvest conference, where we learned of and practiced servant leadership in AZ. We also visited family, friends, supporting churches and supporters in CA, AZ and HI. We shared about our lives and activities at SATS (South American Theological Seminary), in the churches we serve and in our community. We also had time to renew our friendship with our friends and supporters who faithfully pray, care for and financially support us. We were also blessed with a gift from our home church, EBCLA (Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles) to go as a family and spend the day at Disneyland, one of the highlights of our trip.

On our return to Brazil, we were very busy teaching, evaluating and caring for the 180 students God blessed Steve with, the staff at SATS, leaders in the churches in which we volunteer and our

neighbors.

Steve completed the evaluation of all the assignments and final exams at the end of July. He feels that he was able to help the students become more aware of the needs of the people in their families, churches and neighborhoods and to have learned and understood concepts in Biblical servant leadership, pastoral and psychological counseling to influence these people to live their lives according to God's word and meet their psychological and emotional needs.

Nilza faithfully served the needs of Steve and Isaac, providing delicious healthy meals, transportation to school, SATS and the churches we serve. She continued to meet physical needs of students and staff at SATS and built relationships with our neighbors, with love, friendship and God's word.

Isaac kept learning and growing.



Steve, Nilza and Isaac at dinner with supporters in Los Angeles, CA, May 2010

He grew physically taller and stronger. He continued learning well in all his classes at PGD (which uses the SATS campus during the day) practicing judo and singing in the choir. He also practiced with "Louvarte" ('Praise Art/Dance') at IEH Londrina.

Choosing to spend more time with God and family

During the past semester, Steve has been learning the importance of being closer to God, more present with Nilza and Isaac and spending more time with them. He's seen how trying to teach and meet the needs of students and staff at SATS, students and leaders in the churches being served took him away from those most important to him. To invest more time with God, Steve has restarted

learning Biblical Hebrew, rediscovering God's love for His people Israel. For his family, this semester, he's trying to return home earlier 4 days a week from SATS and pay more attention to Nilza's and Isaac's needs. Steve's been spending more time with Isaac, learning together God's word and practicing it in our lives as a family. We want to enrich our relationship with God and one another and grow in love.



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Praise report and Prayer Requests

- 1) Thank you God for giving us more time as a family together;
- 2) Thank you God for multiplying the little sacrificially offered by others to meet spiritual, physical, social and wisdom needs of people we serve at SATS, in our neighborhood and the churches we volunteer in;
- 3) Thank you God for providing sufficiently to meet our living, transportation and Kingdom service needs;
- 4) Please ask God to continue enriching our lives as a family with God's love and truth and to help Nilza organize her schedule;
- 5) Please ask God to continue developing leaders at SATS and the churches we serve to live and serve more wholistically;
- 6) Please ask God for sufficient resources for a new car and to maintain a positive balance in our FH (Food for the Hungry) account.



Bolivian immigrant children, their parents, with other children from Hosana Casaverde, January 2010

Hosana Casaverde reaches out, disciples and meets needs wholistically in seed projects

Hosana Casaverde reached out, discipled and met needs wholistically in seed projects. Their leaders continued seed projects aimed at building social relationships of trust with Bolivian immigrant families. Pr. Kaoru, Hosana

Casaverde's leader noted that the Bolivian immigrant community trusts the Bolivian members and families at Casaverde, to the point where invitations to play Brazilian football on Sunday afternoons are readily accepted. Through this social outreach to adolescent and young adult immigrants, five Bolivian families are actively involved in

worship services, Sunday School classes and home Bible studies. These wholistic discipleship studies have been transforming lives, influencing people to live more like Jesus in their familial relations. One new father, unlike many Bolivian immigrant fathers, is spending more time at home with his wife and new baby, helping change diapers, cooking and caring for his family. Another engaged couple has decided to openly celebrate their upcoming marriage in Bolivia in an evangelical wedding ceremony, recognizing their union as husband and wife before God.

Leaders continue meeting physical, spiritual and social needs at

Recanto Verde. Seed projects of selling soap made from recycled cooking oil continued providing resources to pay for a medical insurance policy used to help Diego, crippled from birth, to walk. Leaders continued providing transportation to Diego to do weekly physical therapy and they also met physical needs providing chicken carcasses for soup to needy families and a food basket to a widow awaiting the pension from her deceased husband's union. They also are using proceeds from soap sales in both churches' neighborhoods to refurbish a place of worship for the group in Recanto Verde, which will initiate weekly worship and Bible study meetings.

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Hosana Londrina leaders discipled wholistically the people in their families, church and community. Sunday school teachers continued their mentoring program of "adopting" their children from their classes, meeting their spiritual needs, asking for and praying weekly for their child's individual, family and school needs. Leaders continued home visitations of their students and started individual tutoring sessions of some of these

students at the church building after their school. One girl noted how much her math has improved with the tutoring. These leaders also continue giving music classes in recorder, keyboard and piano, with one young student learning all three instruments. Pr. Michiyasu, the pastor of the church has begun Japanese language classes that have attracted some children from the neighborhood to learn the language. They are seeking ways

to reach out, teach Jesus' ways to the adolescents and young adult church and community members through home meetings and special Sunday school sessions. They want to help these people understand how to live a life separate from the world while living in it, according to Jesus' values, attitudes and belief in God and His word, witnessing His love and truth to the people in their families, church and community.



Blessed at Disneyland, May 2010

Gratitude for little things and God's multiplication

We are very grateful to God and to each one of you, for your faithful love, diligent prayers, special care and sacrificial financial donations to our service for God's Kingdom in Brazil and the Portuguese speaking evangelical world. Thank you also for your special gifts allowing us to visit Disneyland and relax and enjoy it as a family, blessed by your loving donation.

God has been good to us through you, to help us meet needs of the people in our lives, bringing them

closer to a personal relationship with His Son, or helping prepare them for fruitful service in God's Kingdom. We thank God we have 4 years to influence and teach these brothers and sisters at SATS about living wholistically for God, bringing transformation that will result in more goodness and life growing and spreading in their families, churches and neighborhoods.

We also thank God for taking sacrificial little donations of time,

talent and resources to bring physical restoration to a young boy, food for needy families, building relational and spiritual bridges with immigrants at Casaverde and meeting spiritual, physical and emotional needs of future evangelical leaders, their teachers and staff at SATS. Thank you very much for your collaboration with us. God bless you all.

With His love,

Steve, Nilza and Isaac