



January 2018 Update

Dear Praying Friends,

December was an extremely busy month and we are deeply grateful for each opportunity the Lord gave us. John and Fernanda had a Christmas program in Liberty with more than 30 children participating. Many parents watched- some from inside the pavillion, some from the shadows, and others from the “safety” of the distant road. Another blessing was that a number of adolescents that haven’t been coming to Sunday School, came that night.



John, Fernanda and Carolyn with part of the group in Liberty.

John and his family came over to Jutai to be a part of our program there on the 21st. We had worked several weeks trying to get electric installed for the evening program and the Lord did the impossible allowing it to be hooked up the very day we needed it.



Jutai Program

This year a supporting church in Georgia sent an offering that allowed Robynn to put together 300 bags for children. We were able to distribute them and devotionals for the adults in 15 different places. Dona Val and Sr Indio in Jutai have family in a distant village called Jari. The trip there was quite a challenge as ten miles were on mud roads with rain drizzling down. Dona Val took us to home after home and more than once we were invited back to teach the Word of God to their children. Please pray as we explore the possibility of returning on a monthly basis.



Road to Jari



Children's bags ready

Many of you prayed for Hannah to have contact again with Lorena from Santarem Novo. One afternoon we took bags to Santarem Novo and began looking for children. We randomly chose a road to turn on to. We saw a couple kids and they told us to go to a certain house where several more children lived. Imagine Hannah's surprise as she clapped (yes, we really do clap rather than ring a door bell) and Lorena appeared at the gate. Lorena herself was thrilled as she had been trying to send a message to Hannah inviting her to come by. We enjoyed a sweet visit

and Lorena and her husband reaffirmed their desire to help us work more widely in the public schools in Santarem Novo.



Robynn, Hannah, Luis and Lorena

For quite some time Robynn and Hannah have prayerfully considered building a small house in Jutai, that would allow them to spend the night and facilitate work in surrounding villages. As we saw the Lord opening the doors in Jari and Santarem Novo, we also saw Him begin to provide for the house. Lord willing we will break ground this week!

Meanwhile back in Salinas we have seen the Lord turn things around in the church plant. There is a sweet spirit among the people. Christmas Eve they chose to have a dinner together after church and before their family gatherings. Small signs of growth in the lives of some of the believers and the presence of visitors remind us that the Lord is the One who builds His church.

Each January we send a list of daily requests. This year because of the length of this letter we will send that as a separate file. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support throughout 2017.

Love in Him,

The Renos in Brazil