

The Renos in Brazil



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Dear Praying Friends,

This last month has left our hearts filled with thankfulness at increasing opportunities and longing for wisdom in how to best use our time and energy. John and family spent most of two weeks in the interior preparing for a Christmas program in Liberty. They met much opposition in the planning and another event was rescheduled for the same day and place, chairs that had been made available were taken back and on it went. Even so, they had a good group turn out to sing praises to our Lord Jesus!



CHRISTMAS BAG PROJECT



The Christmas Bag Project took us to little village schools of seven or eight students as well as school Christmas programs with crowds of several hundred to a thousand. What an incredible opportunity to share the love of Christ and His gospel through this project! Thank you for all those that gave to make the 2,000 bags a reality and a special thank you to each who prayed. Here are some highlights:

1. “How do we get you to come teach the Bible at my school?” This was a question we heard repeatedly as we went from one place to another. We have potential openings for Bible classes in eight new villages.
2. Pakuja is a village that we only get to at Christmas time. It was Christmas Eve before we made it this year, and much like last year both children and adults met us at the car. The adults were looking for their devotional and one lady even told Robynn that she had said to her mom recently, “Those ladies that bring us our yearly devotional haven’t come yet.” Please pray with us about further outreach in Pakuja.
3. St. Anthony is a village that we have had the opportunity to teach in the public school from time to time. We have worked with two different directors over the years and both times have been eased out of teaching Bible classes. On our way to and from Pakuja we gave bags and devotionals out in St Anthony – hoping to sow some seed. To our surprise we had men coming on motos to get their devotional and an older gentleman officially welcomed us to their village.
4. The Lord reminded Robynn of an invasion area the night before we gave the last bags out, so the next morning we determined to get there. The people there were ever so grateful and kind – gave us a wonderful reception!
5. We were able to get Christmas bags to 25 villages plus 3 neighborhoods in Salinas. We are so thankful for safety and look forward to seeing how the Lord will continue to work!



This last month we lost one of our faithful prayer warriors. Mrs. Gearhart prayed for each of us daily and sometimes several times a day! What an encouragement that was to us as we first left for the field. Each time we were back for furlough, she would remind us of her constant prayers. This last time when Hannah was there, Mrs. Gearhart couldn't remember her name but she said, "I pray." We miss her and her prayers!

Thank you for praying for us! We truly believe that the work advances as a result of God's people prayers and that the amazing opportunities we have before us are because you are praying for us! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Love,

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