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Dear Supporter,

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Before the month of August comes to a close, we had better get this update to you. Forgive us the delay.

Family - A phone call may bring good or bad news. We received two calls from the states recently. The first call was from our son, Jason. As a child, he got Lyme's disease while we were living in Pennsylvania. Although he was medicated at that time, now years later, he is suffering as this disease has been progressively manifesting itself. After extensive research, Jason discovered a doctor who specializes in Lyme's disease. This doctor prescribed a strong antibiotic that he must take for one month. Please pray this medication will be effective. Pray also as his summer job at Day Camp Sunshine in New Jersey, comes to an end and he returns to college in Florida.



The second phone call was from Amos, a young man who is dating our daughter, Joyce. He called to ask permission to marry her. In spite of the distance, we participated in Joyce's excitement. Pray as Joyce and Amos prepare for this journey of sharing their lives together as husband and wife. Lord willing, wedding bells will be ringing in May 2018.

Church - In the month of June we celebrated one year, since we moved with eight adults to a new neighborhood and took over the church building provided for us. One of the ways we used to get the attention of the people in the neighborhood, was to clear off the whole area in front of the church and replace the trash with palm trees. The people are pleased with the work that was done and we have been receiving words of thanks. Each month we are receiving new visitors. We thank God for the way He has blessed our church.



House of Hope - Working with drug addicts is very challenging because we do not see immediate results. But God has given us perseverance and we are seeing fruit.



In one of our letters, we asked prayer for Gabriella, a little four-year-old, who had been living on the streets with her mother. Gabriella came with her mother to the rehabilitation home, but after a few months, the mother returned to the streets and back to drugs leaving Gabriella with us at the rehabilitation home. Now the mother is in prison, but we found a loving family who have become Gabriella's guardians. She is very happy in her new home.

Thank you so very much for the important part you have in our lives and ministry. We lift our hearts in praise and gratitude to God for the miracle of having you working together with us. It is because of your prayers and contributions that we can make a difference in these lives.

In His Service,

Paulo and Janis Alencar.