

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:10

Hi to all

Time to get caught up on things on this side of the world.

On April 6 we had our 36th anniversary service for the church. It was well attended with three different churches joining us. We praise the Lord for all He has done in our midst. There is some spiritual growth among our people and we thank God for these who are growing spiritually as we have prayed many years for this.

Our number is small but we are a mission minded church and regularly pray for our missionaries and it is a blessing to see what God is doing in other countries and Brazil.

On our Easter Sunrise service, this year, Skip went with me. It was cold but we bundled him up like a mummy and he kept pretty warm. He did enjoy the outing even though it was cold.

The end of April, one of our elderly members died. His name was Nelson. He was a fervent Christian and loved to sing. I played the piano for him and he led our choir for a number of years. We will miss him.

Our leaders' work with the adolescents is going slowly but we do hope to get it start to grow soon. Seems like so many other things to do these days. One of the youths' past times is the cell phone which has the people always looking down instead of up. ha!

We will lose one of our members in August as she is going to start Bible School at the New Tribes Bible School about a three-hour trip from here. She has been a leader in the church and a very good help. We will miss her. She has taken some short-term mission trips and wants to be a missionary. She took physical therapy in college and has been helping Skip for about five years. We will miss her too.

Skip has been doing well these last few months. His speech has improved more and he can manage to get a few new words out if we are patient and wait for him to do so. He would so love to be able to converse. He feels the cold so much so that we have to keep the heater on most days to keep the chill out of the room. He keeps a blanket around him most days but does get to go sit out in the sunshine when there is no wind and warms up some to be comfortable. His side and arm remain the same. And he does fono two times a week. His yearly exams came out good so we are thankful for that.

Our ladies' group has is studying the book of Ruth this year. We are in for a treat as I have been reading our study book and it is very good. We have been doing more visitation to other ladies that we would like to see come to Christ and also to some sick in our church. We had a meeting with two churches on April 25th and it was a meeting enjoyed and blessed for us all.

Well. this catches you up on our doings so far this year.

Thanks for praying for us and your faithfulness who send financial gifts. We appreciate you and pray for you also.

PRAY FOR:

- SKIP TO KEEP DOING WELL
- OUR CHURCH AS A WHOLE THAT WE MIGHT GROW IN NUMBERS AND SPIRITUALLY
- FOR THE NEEDED FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO FINISH OUR BUILDING PROJECT
- THAT I MIGHT FIND A THERAPIST TO CHECK SKIP AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK OR SO
- FOR MY EXAMS TO COME OUT OK. THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT THE KIDNEYS FROM THE DIABETES, DR. JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE ALL IS WELL
- FOR JOSIANE AS SHE STARTS SCHOOL ON THE 4th OF AUGUST
- REMEMBER SKIPS SISTER WHO HAS PANCREATIC CANCER. (His only sister}

PRAISE:

- Thanks for praying for Samuel (the young man who was on drugs). He is out of rehab and has given his life over to Christ. He was baptized (in another church) and is doing well. He gave a very good testimony to the church thanking us for our prayers. So, we thank you for your prayers also.
- PRAISE for all God has done for us and His faithfulness in meeting all our needs.

Thank you so much for praying and your financial gifts. We appreciate you and pray for all daily as we are so thankful for you all.

In Christ for Brazil,

Skip and Betty Harkins

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