

Dear Friends,

Hello again from our corner of the world! I trust your summer was excellent! You have been in my prayers and I trust you are well, enjoying the Lord's best in your life. Prayers on behalf of the Word of Life Ministry in Brazil have been answered, and I just want to share some of these answered prayers with you.

Our winter (July) camping and Family Bible Conference season went very well! In Caldas Novas, our "youngest" family camp in the central part of Brazil, the results were better than ever before! Our meeting room got way too small already and soon we will have to meet in the gym. At the WOL Camp in Curitiba, 48 young people surrendered their lives to the Lord this winter. In Belém, we had a record number of campers at our campus in Benevides as well as on the river. In Recife, 384 campers attended our camp and 163 of these manifested a decision to follow Christ! Praise the Lord! In Porto Alegre, our camp is directed towards young people involved in WOL Bible Clubs. The total attendance this winter was 417, and 28 of these young people trusted Christ for the first time! Here in São Paulo the Conference Center received about 70 families and our youth camp was so full we have decided to open another week in the winter of 2011. The month of July was excellent! We praise the Lord and thank you for your prayers!

In August the Bible schools started back up again, and the students fill our campuses with enthusiasm – it's great to be around young people! We are praising the Lord here in São Paulo because a much needed student center which we have been planning and praying for since 2007, has been completely funded! We have started the work on this new project which will greatly improve our ministry to students as well as the young people who attend our family camps!

In the beginning of August, the Word of Life São Paulo missionaries got together for a couple of days fellowship, prayer and "charging of batteries". What a privilege it is to work with the caliber of missionaries the Lord has blessed us with here!

Coming up we will be having a Father-Son retreat here in São Paulo at the Family Camp for the first time. We have held this event at the youth camp in the past, but by request we are trying something new this time – this will happen the first weekend of September. Also in September we will celebrate one more year of WOL Brazil with our Spring Banquet. Part of this annual celebration is the National Day of Evangelism. On this day, the Word of Life missionaries, staff, families and students on all the fields, close their offices and get out on the streets, schools, hospitals, etc to share the Gospel! It's always a fantastic day for all of our fields! This year it will happen on September 22nd.

On the personal side, we are starting to think and plan for our time in the US next year. We go back every 3 years, these years just seem to fly by! Your prayers would be appreciated for the following concerns: we need to find a couple to live in our house here while we are gone to cover our fixed costs. We also need a place to live in Virginia. In years past our home church there, Believers Church, as well as some dear friends have been able to find homes for us to live in and have even furnished these homes for us. But this is quite a job and we would appreciate your prayers for this. Our time in the US will be from February 22 to July 10. When we return to Brazil we will leave our son Andrew, who will be 17 and a senior in HS, at our friend's home in Charlotte, NC. His plan is to finish HS there, then go to Word of Life Bible Institute in Schroon Lake. We are excited with his growth, both physical and spiritual, and I'm sure he will excel, but it's hard, even now, one year away, to think of leaving him in the US!



Daniel and Julie will come back with us, but soon enough they will also be leaving. I have always heard about the difficulty of watching your children leave the "nest," but actually seeing that day so close just is not easy at all!

Thank you for being a part of our ministry. May the Lord richly bless you today and always!

In His Grip,

John & family