

# The McClures

Things have been in “whirlwind” mode since we arrived in Campinas in January. Here’s a summary of what’s happened in this first quarter of the year.

## January

Picking up the thread from our last letter, we arrived safely in Campinas on January 22. The moving truck, which could have taken up to twenty days to arrive, arrived the following week. Despite initial appearance, everything arrived undamaged. Our first few days in this new city were spent getting settled in, and gearing up for youth camp.

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*The kids are adapting well to the new city and new church.*



## February

Youth and family camps in Brazil are generally organized around Carnival; it is a great time to get away and spend time in fellowship and God’s Word. I was invited to speak at youth camp involving five area churches, with over a hundred campers. It was a great event to start out our time in Campinas, since it introduced to a number of the local area pastors and their church members.

Priority number one right now is Ann Janel’s language study. On February 11, she started classes at a school here in Campinas, and in a few short weeks she was already doing much better at acquiring conversational Portuguese.

I have kept busy too. While we aren’t overseeing a work ourselves during this time of language training, I have been able to minister in our new home church in an adult Sunday School class, and my preaching schedule has actually increased. Since I am the new guy in town, I have only had one Sunday since we arrived where I wasn’t teaching



and/or preaching somewhere. My general schedule involves Sunday mornings and mid-week services at our home church, and Sunday evening meetings at a different area church--practically a different one each week. I also was invited to teach in the Bible Institute (one week before the start of classes), so Monday nights are spent downtown teaching. God has allowed our family to expand our network of Brazilian pastors dramatically since our move.

## March

The end of February brought an abrupt change in life: we received news that Mrs. Schrader’s (Ann Janel’s mother) cancer had spread to her lungs. For the first time since all this began in May of last year, her father sent word that he thought it might be best if she return to spend some time with her mother. While God had closed the doors last August for such a trip, this time we found them all open, and we were able to get tickets for Ann Janel and the kids at a very affordable price. God also blessed us with help from some churches to purchase the tickets. Less than a week later, on March 4, she and kids left for the States. While her mother is not suffering from the cancer, she is weakened, and

knows that it is spreading. Please pray for Mrs. Ann Schrader as she begins treatment in a Tulsa cancer clinic here at the start of April.

We appreciate your prayers and faithful support.

Don’t forget to visit [BrazilianOutreach.org](http://BrazilianOutreach.org) for more up-to-the-moment updates, news, and prayer needs.

*Ann Janel's new teacher, Vera*



*With her mom for the first time since she was diagnosed with cancer.*



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