

The McClures



“Precious in His Sight”

Mrs. Ann Schrader

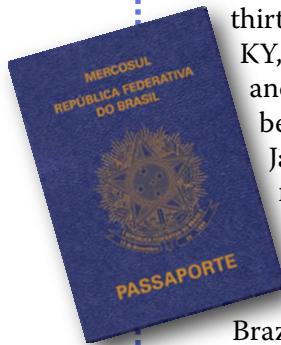
Oct. 5, 1944 - July 31, 2008

Our last quarterly letter went out in early July, and God gave us the rest of that month to enjoy Mrs. Schrader's presence before He took her into His. Her health rapidly declined in the final days, and she passed away in the early morning of July 31.

As we mentioned in our last letter, Ann Janel wrote of the trials and triumphs of caring for her mom during the final months of her life in the form of e-mails to friends and family. These proved to be a blessing to the many who read them, so we published them to our personal website, at www.patrickmcclure.com.

So when you heading back?

If our prayer letters had an FAQ (Frequently Asked Question) section, this would definitely top the list. And for a number of days following Mrs. Schrader's passing, we couldn't answer it very well. The first order of business was for Ann Janel to help her father in coordinating two funerals--one in Springfield, MO, where the Schraders have lived for the past thirteen years; the other in Lexington, KY, where Mrs. Schrader was born and raised, and where she would also be buried. In addition to this, Ann Janel felt that she should help her father with all those loose ends that follow someone's passing. At the same time, I had some paperwork to complete for the Brazilian government, since I was in the States. Both the boys' Brazilian passports were due for renewal, and Joel's birth registration needed to be completed.



Yes, all this can be done in Brazil, but even the Brazilian government will tell you it is easier to do here, since the consulates can accept English documents without needing official translations.

We were also able to share our ministry with several churches. With the devaluation of the dollar, we certainly welcome the possibility of new supporting churches.

To answer the question, though: **we are already back!** We were able to conclude the business we had, and arrived safely back in Brazil on Oct. 16. We are in the process of getting Ann Janel back into language study and on our first Sunday I had the opportunity to jump right back into ministry and preach for a Brazilian pastor friend.

We certainly could not have foreseen the events of the past few months. God had many lessons to teach us and we are excited He has us back doing ministry in Brazil.

How can you pray?

There are a number of things for which we would appreciate your prayers:

- Pray for Ann Janel and her family during this time of grieving; especially Dr. Schrader as he transitions to life without his wife of 41 years.
- Pray for Ann Janel and kids as we settle back into life in Brazil. They still have an uphill struggle in the language and culture of Brazil before things reach a plateau of “normalcy.”
- Pray for our housing situation. The Trasks have graciously allowed us to continue using their home in Campinas, but we will still need a longer term solution.

Ministering to the peoples of Brazil