

The McClures

Where did January Go?

It seems like the new year barely started, and already the first full month is gone. It is Brazilian summer, and all kinds of things are happening: special summer holiday events, the state pastors' retreat, invitations to preach, and more. We will tell you all about it . . . as soon as this letter catches you up to what went on last quarter.

Hitting the Ground Running

We arrived safely back in Brazil in mid-October. Ann Janel was able to jump right back into Portuguese classes with her former teacher, and the last few months has seen some good progress. We also started Nathanael and Elena with Portuguese lessons, and they are learning quickly.

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In addition to my adult Sunday School class at the church in Jd. Amanda, I have been able to keep a regular preaching schedule in area churches.

God blessed us with regards to our housing. The Trasks, the missionaries in whose house we were staying, decided to devote the next year to their

work in Pedreira, a nearby city. As a result, they have asked us to continue using their house for the next year. What a blessing!

Year-End Events

We finished off the year with road trips. We visited missionary friends Russ and Diane Dean in a city two hours east of us. They hosted a missionary team from One Another Ministries, a pastoral care ministry headquartered in France. I was able to serve as interpreter for the team while they hosted two one-day seminars: one for regional pastors, the other for the ministry team at the church in Jacaréí. I was also able to translate the next morning as missionary Robert Lugar preached. It was my first time doing live translation in a seminar or preaching service, and I really enjoyed it. I hope to have more opportunities in the future as a bridge between foreign visitors and our Brazilian ministers and friends.

We finished out the year with a visit to Brasília to spend Christmas with my parents. It was great to visit their church in Brasilinha as well. I had the opportunity to preach several times in our two weeks there. Ann Janel had her first experience speaking publicly (in Portuguese), sharing a testimony about the godly life and death of her dear mother. She did a great job!

A New Year in Campinas

Our calendar for the new year is filling up fast. We are excited about the opportunities God has opened for us in this city, and we are looking forward to reporting His blessings in this new year. Thank you for your continued prayers.



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