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Denham's In Brazil

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Ministry News

Dear Friends,

It has been almost 5 months since my last update and this is something that I am not very proud of. (Even embarrassing to type now!) Please forgive me. I have never had the talent of writing and it is easy for my newsletter to get pushed to the side.

In addition to my other duties, I have been working hard on heading up the completion of our new headquarters. Our goal, Lord willing, is to move in mid-March. I am most excited about our new 70 person auditorium on the top floor, which will serve as a center for live teaching via the web, as well as on site pastor training. We hope to begin hosting courses this spring. This year we also hope to release one new book each month, hold pastor conferences in Brazil, Portugal and Mozambique, as well as a college conference this June in Brazil.

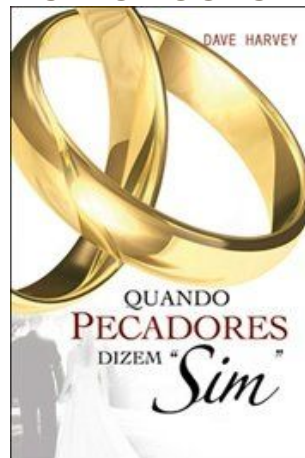
We are blown away that our online community has grown this last year from 4000 members, to just over 20,000. Praise be to God! This means that each month, we are able to flood these readers with articles, audio books, and an interactive blog hosted by a Brazilian theologian, as well as many other FREE resources. We have just started giving away an e-book each month too! Today I received an email from our web developer letting me know that one of our reader calls us the Desiring God of Brazil! The Desiring God ministry based out of Minneapolis is

Photo: Ubatuba beach

Family News

Prayer Requests

New! FREE AUDIO BOOKS



"When Sinners Say I Do" is the most recent FIEL audio book. We just returned from a large event in Northern Brazil where we were able to give 500 pastors/leaders a copy of the book "What is a Healthy Church. Thousands of copies of this new Audio Book were also distributed. Please pray that we might be able to do this at many more events throughout this nation. If you know anyone that knows Portuguese please pass this along.

amazing. (www.desiringgod.org) Wow, what a compliment!

While there are many challenges, and not enough hours in the day, I am grateful to our Lord for the staff He has given us. They have often come to work on the new building during their free time or days off. Not easy work either. Cleaning dried bits of plaster off windows, scraping paint off the tile floor and other back-breaking work. It's great to work alongside servants.

Photos of the completed building will come in next month's newsletter.

Family News

After 5 years of living and working in Brazil, 2009 was our very first Christmas here. It felt strange to see Christmas decorations on a hot summer day. It is just not the same mounting a fake tree with sweat dripping from your brow. Thankfully, on a previous trip to the States, we had picked up a fir tree scented candle, so that our home at least smelled like Christmas.

I want to just take a moment and tell you of a real miracle the Lord did for us. While Kimberlie was decorating the tree, I noticed that tears were streaming down her cheeks and that she was having a hard time. This would be her first Christmas away from her family in her 32 years! As I headed out to work, I did not know how to encourage her. I was at a loss for words, as it was I who led her to a foreign land, away from all she had grown to love. When I got to work, I saw an envelope on my desk addressed to Kimberlie and Rick from a young woman in the interior of Brazil whom we had never met. Curious about it's content, I opened it and was surprised that she had written in English. As I began to read, my jaw dropped to the floor. I had never received anything like this from a total stranger. This young lady expressed in the kindest words how much she was thankful that we would leave the comforts of our home country, and make the many sacrifices to move to a foreign land to serve both the Lord, and the people of Brazil. (She had found us through our blog: www.denhamsinbrazil.blogspot.com)

I could not believe the timing. I rushed home at lunch time, and placed the letter on the table in front

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Enter the code QPDSVK3 , in the blank space , and then proceed to download the file. We hope to do at least 6 more Audio books this year. Each book cost only \$1500 US, and are a great tool in helping build the number of followers of the FIEL community. If you would like to fund an Audio Book, we are looking to raise the funds for more of them as it is a great vehicle to spread these life changing truths.

James



In January almost everyone spends a few days at the beach. This year we took the kids to Ubatuba, a small coastal town on the emerald coast. While there, we visited a Turtle park, so the kids could see the extra large turtles that nest in the region. James loved to see the turtles up close and I am sure the turtles enjoyed the little boy making all the silly faces up against the glass. This little guy keeps us smiling!

Lilah

of Kimberlie, telling her that Jesus had sent her a letter. She curiously opened the letter, and within a few moments was crying. When asked by the children why she was crying, she responded, "I can't believe HE would write me a letter." To this day, we do not know who this person is, but we know that God put us on her heart, and moved her to write to us. The letter had been sent 3 weeks prior, and arrived just on time! Jesus, had noticed our need, and we will never doubt how much He cares for us.



Last month, Lilah was given the special job of being a "florista" in a friend's wedding. Despite not throwing a single petal, she walked sweetly down the aisle like a little princess. She loved it so much that she often asks to wear her "wedding dress" every time I open her closet. Lilah also loves playing with her babies, washing dishes with Mommy, and coloring anything she can get her hands on! She cries most days when James goes to school. She often asks to go to "cool" too. But she will have to wait. She is a joy in our lives!

Prayer and Praise Matters

* We are planning on moving into our new FIEL building this coming March. We are thankful to the Lord for making this dream come true. It has been almost a decade since we purchased the Land, and it is an answer to prayer to see this day on the horizon.

* Please pray for our need to purchase 80 classroom style chairs, (\$125 each) as we now have an auditorium and a smaller classroom for Pastor training and mini conferences right inside our own FIEL building. Other needs include a sound system, and media projector. (\$3000.)

* Mom and Dad's health has been a constant battle. Dad has lost weight, and we hope to get him on something to help compensate for his loss of appetite. Otherwise they are encouraged to see the work

We thank the Lord for you and are grateful for the chance we have to serve the Lord here in Brazil.

There are many opportunities for some of you to serve along with us. We now have a small house next to our new building that can accommodate a small group. This is a perfect opportunity to spend some time here, and see the work first hand. There are needs in many areas, and we can put you to work! Please write me with any thoughts or questions.

For His Glory,

Rick Denham

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If you have any desire to get to know the work in person, or want to send down a youth group or team to help, we have many opportunities for service! I am praying about taking a team of people and a couple Doctors back to Manicore, in the Amazon region, to work along side the church that Dad founded over 50 years ago there in the heart of the AMAZON. I will write more about it soon.

We would love a call from you!

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going ahead, and covet your prayers for their strength.

* The Portugal Pastor conference went off amazingly well! We were able to also do live streaming via the internet.

* Please pray for our upcoming College conference this June 3-6. We are excited to already have 40 registrations! Praise the Lord!

* Book sales at a recent event in North Brazil were a record success! Thousands of books were sold at 50% discount to the needy in this remote part of Brazil. We are thankful for the Lords blessings and safe travels for our team.



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