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Dear Friends,

Praise the Lord, Samuel and I have safely arrived back in the USA after a two-week mission trip to Brazil. We actually left Greenville three days earlier than expected due to the Homegoing of my brother's wife. We flew from Atlanta, GA to Fort Lauderdale, FL and caught a connecting flight on to Brazil where we were met by missionary Terry Broyles. Brother Terry and his wife Wendy were our hosts for most of the trip.

We were originally supposed to be staying and working with Shawn Alexander. However, he had to return to the states for emergency medical treatment. (He is fine now) As a result, we ministered in four different places including speaking twice at an all-day soccer tournament (see photo).

While with the Broyles, we actually discovered two violin makers (see photo). Naturally, I had a good time at the one shop playing a few of his violins.

Samuel and I also spent one weekend with Mike and Dawn Jewell (and their dog – see photo). Samuel really enjoyed their dog and took several photos. The one included was Samuel's favorite.

During one of the services, Samuel was able to give a brief testimony. It was his first ever experience using an interpreter and he did well.

My longest meeting was a three-day series (Fri-Sat) in Sorocaba. After the service on Saturday evening, the pastor decided – spur of the moment – to have a pizza party for any who wanted to stay. It was truly a time of rich blessing as several of the folks wanted to share their testimonies with us using an interpreter. What a great time we had. We didn't leave the church until midnight! The following day, being the Lord's Day, we had to get up early and have two services. At the close of the morning service the national pastor's daughter was wonderfully saved (see photo; the young lady in front)!

Samuel was also able to do some manual labor with Pastor Terry working on a drainage ditch on their new property (see photos). He was a hard worker, to be sure. However, it was the coldest day of the trip (remember that this is Brazil's winter!) and he caught a cold. Temperatures at night average in the mid 40's. The highest was around 82 with some days in the upper 50's to low 60's.

Samuel and I want to thank each of you who had a financial part in helping to make this trip possible. Praise the Lord for the many decisions among believers and the one who trusted Christ! THANK YOU!

Gratefully in Christ,