



# Empowering Brazilians To Share The Light Of Christ

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### We Are In Brazil

Ellen and I flew back to Brazil on the last days of June. It was just in time to attend our small group that meets Friday nights as they were closing out their semester for July vacation time.



The country closed down for July as everyone goes on vacation. By law employees are granted four weeks of vacation, they all take it in July. This means two things; the ministry here is on pause, and our island has been invaded by vacationers who are looking to get out of the city. It is this month of July cell phones, Internet and electricity all have problems.

All this means computers do not work, we can not send or receive phone calls or Internet chats and a few candlelight dinners. After being gone for six months, there is a lot of work to be done in unpacking the house and cleaning up things that have sat for a long time. Much of my electronic gear has failed as it sat in the humid climate without use. Wayne turned it on, and it just goes puff. That magic white smoke is let out.

No problem because there is a World Cup Soccer Competition to watch with our Brazilian friends. The World Cup Games are important here and give us the opportunity to rekindle relationships that have waned over time. It is an opportunity to sit with our new believers and visit with them for the two-hour event. Pray as we re-integrate into our life here. .

### Ellen Will Return With?

Ellen did not stay in Brazil long but has a conference to attend, The Network of Biblical Story Tellers Conference in Dayton, Ohio. The visit is all part of certification training she is participating in and requires her to teach a workshop at this convention. Nothing to do with the dog below.



New Friend Ellen Found in Alaska

As a side note, before we returned to Brazil, we took some vacation time and visited a few friends in Alaska. It was a nice vacation and an opportunity to meet some new friends that put us up while we took in some Alaskan Wild Life.

Ellen will fly back August 14, and she will not be returning alone. There is a young lady who is the daughter of one of our long-time supporters who has a desire to go on a mission trip. While we were making our USA ministry visits, she asked if she could participate in a team to visit us in Brazil. Now we do not have any groups planned for this year, but there is no reason she could not be a team of one person. A plan was conceived, and after many hours of planning and work, she will be returning with Ellen to spend two weeks working with Ellen in the women's ministry on our island. Pray for this endeavor.



## The State Of Ministry

It is inspiring to return to the field this time and have all of the ministries still active as we spent time in the States for our USA ministries. There is a dynamic Bible Study of one type or another Monday through Friday and active kids clubs on the weekends. During our absence, we lost two of our kid's club leaders, and some of the people in our small groups have drifted or moved off the island, but for the most part, the ministry has held. We are praising God for such a blessing. At the moment most of this ministry is a pause and will start up again in the second week of August. Pray that as we integrate back into these ministries they will grow with God's blessings.

### Prayer Request

- As we integrate back into the ministries here that the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom.
- Pray for Pastor Jeu & Ester – As they will return in August to work with Wayne & Ellen to continue to develop the ministries here on the island of Cotijuba.
- Ellen is in the states at a Bible Storying Workshop that she is leading. Pray that she will do well, as this is part of a certification class she is taking in Biblical Bible Story Telling.
- That Wayne can quickly catch up on all of the financial in property issues that he is responsible for here in Brazil.
- It happens every time we come back. The electronics we depend upon going up in smoke, stop working or act strangely. There is a lot of picking up the pieces to get things working again. Pray that God's hand will be upon our work and that He will give us the equipment we need to do the ministry he has called us too.
- Pray for Wayne as he sits down with the leaders he has developed over the years to forge new plans for the coming year.

### Praise God!

- Ellen seems to have recovered from her rotator cuff surgery.
- The USA Ministries visits went well. It looks as if we have sufficient funds to cover our next term.
- The return trip to Brazil went without a problem. No customs issues.
- We got to meet Stephine's beautiful new daughter and hear all the good news about the kid's club ministry there along with the new Thursday night small group meetings that she attends.
- Jeremias and Luiz, are keeping the kid's clubs active and creative.
- That Jeu and Ester are still dedicated to see this church plant on our island take root and care for it full time while we were gone.
- We have a new cell phone internet service on the island that will make it easier for us to communicate with our supporters.
- That Wayne's last and favorite dog, Tuffy , is healthy and happy to see Wayne.