



City of Maringa

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" I John 5:12

**We are thankful for the life we have in Jesus,
the Son of God – the reason for the season!**

He has done so much for us and continues to do so. Let us share a little of what we mean.

Recent Events



First, November 28th was graduation for SETELL (our Bible School and Seminary) with 6 students getting their diplomas! It was a special evening for all, excited graduates and their families, Paul & Becky helping out in the program (Becky with music, Paul with prayer), the SETELL staff all present, honoring video clip for all of the teachers that taught over these last 5 years, and a very nice word for 3 of the teacher/Pastors. Jonathan, one of the three, was compared to Barnabas! He also was the MC for the program.

A little earlier this Fall (Spring here), Jonathan had the privilege of traveling, first to Maranhão (N.Brazil) as a translator for an Evangelist from World for Christ. There they ministered at various schools and churches. It was a fruitful experience and showed another side of Brazil.

In October he took a van load of Bible School students to

do some evangelistic programs at our church in Campo Grande (10hr drive). That was a great time to for encouraging the church and for bonding among the students.

Then in early November he traveled to Vitoria, to be part of a celebration for a small church he helped start when we lived there in 1994. The church has been growing and expanding, so it was a wonderful opportunity for him to be there and encourage them, and also visit other friends from our other AFLC church there.



Projects

SETTELL-Campo Mourão,
* Develop advertising to be placed in a major Christian Magazine along with brochures, website development.
* Develop curriculum
* Teaching classes
We pray God will raise up more leaders/workers!

MIRIAM INFANT HOME (orphanage)

* Attending staff meetings
* Devotions with older kids.
* Oversee the Bible Camp ministry
* Helped vaccinate some 45+ sheep.
This ministry has been an asset to our churches, bringing new souls for Jesus!

As you may know, this year our church family here in Maringa was able to buy property to build a church, after 4 years of saving for it. It has been a challenging year as most of our "sheep" have to hold many jobs/responsibilities. We are thankful that we still have the use of the English school to meet in on Sundays. We continue to hold other gatherings/mtgs in our home. Our goal now is to get a church plan made and approved for our lot size by the city. This will be a project of faith and we ask for prayers for wisdom and provision!

Our Family?!

It has been a blessing to see how God is taking such good care of April, who is finishing her last year of High School in Fergus Falls, MN. She has a very full schedule, but is managing to keep good grades and is enjoying the experience. Next Fall she hopes to go to AFLBS.

Thomas is doing a lot of High School work (homeschool) and gets in a couple of soccer games (for fellowship and exercise) a week.

Michelle also homeschools and enjoys having close friends from church, drawing, playing, planning things, etc...



Tamba works with Michelle and Thomas with studies when needed, is the family secretary and bookkeeper, etc... helps with the small kids at church, gives women Bible studies – when they can coordinate their schedules, and holds the fort down when Jonathan is gone (which is at least two, three or more days a week. Leaving some of his responsibilities to others like teaching his Sunday School classes, etc...) We are thankful for health!

As we look to 2010, we will be involved in the same ministries, but with the added project of having a church construction going on. Jonathan also plans to visit most of our national churches and give seminars on doctrinal issues. We continue to pray for new souls – there have been many who have come and gone, because they couldn't handle the cost of living (renting or buying homes) here in Maringa. But there are still many who need to hear the Word and receive the Son- the life that only He can give!

So we press on, praying and believing!

We remember that we are here by God's grace and by the help of your prayers and support, so THANK YOU!!!

In His Service,
Jonathan & Tamba Abel

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year, praying together for victories!

We always invite you to write us, e-mail us (we seem to do better at answering those)

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