

Merry Christmas ——— Happy New Year

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Dear friends in Christ,

Christmas is almost here! And we're not ready, but we are ready for Jesus to come back again. Praise the Lord! It is so wonderful that He is never in a rush and that He always has time for us and for all who call upon Him. His love and grace are way beyond our human comprehension, yet we can believe and rest in the fact that we are forgiven and redeemed even though we have been marked by sin. May we all be faithful in imitating Jesus' example of loving and forgiving and identifying with those who need the Savior.

Opportunities are always coming our way. We have much to be thankful for. Our New Church in Balsa Nova is preparing all of children in our Sunday School for a special program on Sunday the 25th. We are praying that many of their parents will come to the service and hear the story of Jesus as they've never heard it before. Pray that we will see some accepting Christ as Savior as a result of this ministry.

During the New Year we are going to start building our new church on our property which we have purchased and paid for. Praise the Lord the church has enough in reserve to get a good start on the construction. Because our church is still small, progress on the building will be slow, but we know that the Lord will help us accomplish our goal.

We are always thankful that part of our family is close to us at this time of the year and we always miss the ones who are so far away. Our son Brian and his family, plus our grand-daughter and her family will all be home for Christmas. Then we are thankful that we can talk on the telephone to our daughter, Lori, and her family and our grandson, Jonathan at Baptist Bible College, all in Springfield, Mo. This Christmas is "extra special" because Jonathan and Katie are expecting their first child (our fourth great-grandson) to arrive on that day.

We are thanking the Lord for our loan fund and our camp. During the Year of 2011 we were able to make 5 loans to new churches, helping them to get started. Pray with us that 2012 will be an even better year. Our goal is to help as many churches as we can.

We are thankful for your faithful support and prayers during this last year and we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your missionaries to Brazil,

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