

# *Gary and Janet Tomberlin*

*Missionaries to Brazil for 44 years*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are thankful for the years Janet and I have had to serve the Lord together here in Brazil. We are also thankful for completing 50 years of married life last week. On Saturday afternoon many friends from the three churches that we have worked in, in this area, came to take part in a "Thanksgiving service" and eat Golden Anniversary cake with us.

It is so enjoyable to see and hear the reports of many of our Brazilian pastors and lay people whom we helped to get started in ministry. Many have started new churches, missionaries have gone to their respective fields and many are lay people are helping in their local church, teaching Sunday school, teaching discipleship programs, etc. God has blessed them and we are still connected with them, helping them in different ways and through prayer.

Last month we had a Daily Vacation Bible school in our Balsa Nova church where I am pastor. The Lord blessed with the salvation of Paola, a 9 year old girl who has continued coming to Sunday School faithfully every Sunday and even brought visitors with her. We are so thankful for our faithful Sunday School teachers. Janet and I work hard helping them to be prepared with lessons that build character and lives.

Our world is not easy to evangelize in these days in which we live. Brazil has just gone through their famous Carnival season, four days of wicked living, the biggest "party of the flesh" in this world. We thank the Lord that He has helped us warn many people and helped deliver them from a life of sin. It is a wonderful blessing to hear our people express their gratitude for preaching the gospel to them.

Please pray for our small Rotating Loan Fund that we will be able to continue for many years to make new loans to churches that are needing to buy property or build new church buildings. Also pray for us and our health as we continue to pastor the church in Balsa Nova. The going is slow in this small town which is strongly Catholic and where people's religious, cultural and social lives revolve around the church. But the Lord is good and we are seeing faithfulness in our people.

We praise the Lord for all of you and your faithfulness to us and our ministry which God is blessing with souls and living being changed.

Brazil for Christ, Gary and Janet Tomberlin