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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from Porto Alegre, Brazil, where we are busily preparing for our upcoming furlough. We will be leaving for the states on May 6th, Lord willing. We look forward to visiting many of you between now and Christmas. Our plans are to return to the field at the beginning of 2011. Already 2010 has been a year of many blessing in the church planting ministry here in southern Brazil. Let us share some of the things the Lord is doing so that together we can glorify His name.

Over 300,000 tracts have gone out since August of last year in our evangelistic thrust statewide. More than 200 individual Brazilian believers have participated in the distribution at fairs, farm show and Catholic parades. Just recently we have been made aware of more fruit from these efforts. Sandro and his family have started attending one of our sister churches in Canoas. Marco Machado has written requesting a church in his city of Esteio. A young seminary graduate, Daniel Lima, has been further challenged to plant a church in Uruguaiana, in the extreme west of our state, some 400 miles from Porto Alegre. A young couple from the Ponta Grossa church will be moving there in August. What a blessing to see the Lord opening this door! Our second annual conference Gauchos Para Cristo (Gauchos for Christ) will be held April 23rd and 24th. At this time, we will seek to raise the funds to secure the stand at EXPOINTER 2010. Last year, 14 of our congregations provided some 150 people to give out 94,000 tracts. We want to see more done this year for the glory of His dear name. Will you help us pray to this end? One tremendous blessing to us is that the funds for the purchase of these tracts are coming through the giving of these "charged up" Brazilian believers. The website [gauchosparacristo.com.br](http://gauchosparacristo.com.br) is attracting many new visitors every day and has become an important point of reference for our believers to keep abreast of upcoming evangelistic opportunities.



We have been encouraged and challenged by the steps the church in Ponta Grossa is taking toward total self-sufficiency. They are providing housing, utilities and a modest salary for Pastor Claudio. He is being encouraged to

provide them with an estimate of what he would need to be completely full time. Although some have lost well paying jobs and some have moved on to other ministries, God allowed us to see an increase in the Faith Promise pledges for the coming year. We understand the valuable importance of seeing these believers reaching out with the gospel message at home and abroad. Andre Rehn, who worked with us for a couple years in the ministry at Ponta Grossa, will be ordained, Saturday, April 17th, and will assume the ministry of the Fundamental Baptist Church in Alvorada (a suburb of greater Porto Alegre). What a joy to see men saved, disciplined, trained in the local church and Bible institute and sent out to work in the harvest.

God has blessed our family abundantly. Our oldest son, Nathan, will be getting married, September 25th at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Taylors, S.C. We praise the Lord for bringing Sarah Ingram into his life and for their desire to serve God together. Nicholas just graduated from high school and will be enrolling in Bible college for the fall semester. Nikayla has been enjoying her equestrian lessons (horse riding and jumping small barriers). Natalie is working in a day care and plans to be in the states for a few months to participate in some friends weddings. After Nathan's wedding, she plans to return to Brazil. Noel is excited about working at the WILDS Christian camp for the summer. Tammy was surprised and blessed by her surprise birthday party April 1st. About 60 of her colleagues, English students, church family and friends gathered to express their appreciation for her service to our Lord.

We are so grateful to the Lord for each of you. God has been so gracious in raising up such dedicated prayer partners and supporters. How we rejoice that our hope is not in the falling dollar, but in the Risen Savior! We hope to be able to see many of you over the next few months and personally thank you for your part in getting the glorious good news of the gospel to the Gauchos.

Serving the Savior,

Mike Ring and Family